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Start of the Baseball Season

A few nights ago we chose up for baseball. The captains are: Charles Claggett, Team A; Arthur Blackwell, Team B; Raymond Thomas, Team C; Marshall Hall, Team D. The boys practiced diligently for a while before the schedule games started. The practice was interrupted temporarily by the coming Memorial Day track meet.

The first game was played between teams A and B. Team A won 14 to 12. It was a loose game as each team made at least five errors. The pitching was good except for a few times when they seemed to let up. Team B led until the sixth inning when A tied the score and eventually won the game.

In the second game of the season the score was not so close. Team D defeating team C, 17 to 5. It was a poorly played game. Nobody on team C seemed able to deliver a hit when it was needed. Captain Thomas was the only consistent hitter on the team. A large number of team D's scores were drives through C's infield which made a lot of errors. But practice is what is needed and we hope to have better games later on. We hope to play some outside teams soon.

James Libby

A Trip to WEEI

Early one evening about ten boys belonging to our radio club got ready for town. We went to Station WEEI of the Edison Illuminating Co. Mr. Emery, a graduate of this school, also Big Brother of the Big Brother Club showed us the sending sets and different studios. After we had seen everything of interest concerning radio broadcasting, we went to the main studios, and sat around the microphone. George Russell, one of our boys, spoke a few words about the School.

We all joined the Big Brother Club, which is a Radio Fraternity made up of young "listeners in". It is conducted five evenings a week. The club has no advertising purpose. Its aim is to entertain and educate also to create good will among its members. The members are not urged to do greater things; they are simply inspired to do better, the ordinary things of life. It is easy to join, but membership is not solicited, it must be voluntary. The club pin is white enamel, in the shape of an incandescent electric light bulb, with the letters "BEBBC" in gold, inscribed down the center of the bulb. Underneath is pictured "The Friendly Glow" and the call letters of the station WEEI. There is no limit to membership. The age limit is from 7 to 17. We all think it is a very helpful and interesting club.

James Johnson

Firing Methods

Boilers may be fired by hand or by mechanical strokes. Firing by hand is laborious and is usually an inefficient process. There are four methods of firing, each of which has its advantages and faults. These methods are:

1. Spreading methods
   a. Even spread
   b. Alternate side spread
   c. Alternate front and back spread

Even spread firing means what its name signifies if the fireman spreads the coal evenly beginning at the back of the grate and working towards the door. The intervals between firing and the amount of coal used each time varies with the fireman or engineer, kind of coal used and amount of draught in use. Some coals burn better with a thick fire, with the coal filled in large quantities and at long intervals.

Objections to Even Spread System

1. When the coal is spread evenly over the whole grate the coal chokes the air passage through the bed of coke on the grate and reduces the air supply at the time when it is most needed to burn the water gas and hydrocarbon gases, distilled from the fresh coal.

2. When the coal is first fired, it is spread evenly over the furnace, the moisture in the coal is distilled from it and a cooling process takes place all over the grate.

Alternate Side Spread Firing System

This system seems to have all the advantage of the coking system without its disadvantages. It consists of spreading the coal evenly on one side of the grate over its whole length and also on the other side at equal intervals of time. That is, fire one side with fresh coal; then after a period of time fire the other side. Instead of covering the whole grate with fresh coal at long intervals, only-half of the grate is covered and the firing intervals shortened to one half the time. With this system of firing, economical and complete combustion depends largely upon the skill of the fireman, also upon the combustion chamber and the opportunity it affords for thorough admixture of two currents of gas.

Alternate Front and Back Spread Firing

This system is the same as above except that fresh coal is fired alternately first on the front half of the grate and then on the back. The actions of the gases are practically alike and results are almost the same.

The Coking Method

In this system fresh coal is piled on the front of the grate, while the rear half is covered with practically burned coke. When the coal is nearly coked, it is pushed back to the rear of the furnace. Then fresh coal is put on the front half again and allowed to coke. The object is to keep a bed of incandescent carbon at the rear of the grate, in passing over the coke which the volatile gases from the green coal at the front will be burned.

As I work in the Power House I have to fire in a certain way. At first I experimented with different ways and found that firing by the alternate side spread system was easier and better. It does not leave as many holes as the coking method is apt to.

George D. Russell

Calvin Coolidge

A living story always interests me. This one especially for it is honest and real. The story of the boy is the story of the man.

He was a plain boy on a plain farm. While a boy, farming was a part of his business. As a man it became his avocation.

Thus he knows the plain people. He is one of them, for his atmosphere is a simple one.

When he became a member of the General Court of Northampton he and his family lived on his annual income of one thousand dollars. When he became governor he vetoed a bill to raise the income of legislators from $1000 to $1500 a year. He lives out his policies, which are not simply theories. He is careful of his official pocket as he is of his personal pocket. Thus as mayor he cut down the municipal debt, as now he sets out to cut down taxes and the national debts.

The secret of his success is, and has been, his capacity to see and seize an opportunity. His father's words were "He's always done well and I guess he always will."

His only sports have been love of adventure and walking. His teachers say he was a good student. His father says he never had to tell him what to do. He has always been regarded as silent. He was born with two ears and one mouth. Hence he saw that he was made first to listen and learn.

He was born in a sparsely settled country in Vermont, where there are few neighbors and small temptation to talk. Vermonters have a reputation for silence. He is quick to act.

His first statement to the American people went as follows——

"Reports, have reached me, which I fear are correct, that President Harding is gone. The world has lost a great and good man. I mourn his loss. He was my chief and friend. It will be my purpose to carry out his policies which he has begun, for the service of the American people and for meeting their responsibilities wherever they may arise. For this purpose I shall seek the cooperation of all those who have been associated with the President during his term of office. Those who have given their efforts to assist him, I wish to remain in office, that they may assist me. I have faith that God will direct the destinies of our nation."

This story is an inspiration. It symbolizes the force of those great words of scripture:–

"Thou hast been faithful over few things.

I will make thee ruler over many."

Such are the characteristics of the man, Calvin Coolidge who was inaugurated as President of the United States, March 4, 1925.

Carl H. Kuphal

My Work

Thursday and Friday mornings I go down to the drawer-room to get the Boys' clean clothes ready for Saturday night. First I put the night-shirts, shirts and the underwear in the boxes. Then I help with the work in the clothing-room until 8:30.

Alan B. Scott

Scraping the Pilgrim's Cabin

My work is quite interesting for I am a steamer boy. There is quite a variety of work.

During the last week we have been scraping the cabin of the Pilgrim. We take steel scrapers three by six inches and file them so they have a burr on the edge. We then scrape off all the varnish and stain. It is very hard to get it off in some places.

We scrape until we reach the wood. The cabin is made of mahogany and white pine. We then sandpaper it and stain it with Burnt Sienna which gives it a nice red color. We then put on two or three coats of varnish which makes it look very good. Next we shall scrape the deck which is more easily done. The Pilgrim will look nice and fresh when it is finished. We take pride in her appearance.

James A. Brain

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"Ambition is the germ from which the growth of all nobleness proceeds."

In order to make life a success, ambition is the requisite factor which spurs one on to his goal. Without ambition we are lost!

All mortals are come to this earth for a purpose, but that purpose may never be realized if we lack that power to battle resistance and plunge foward—thus making the Best of our lives. So long as a man has ambition, no limit can be placed on his rise in the world. And what man or boy has not felt the urge and prod of the desire to do!

Let us as Boys at The Farm and Trades School cultivate the fundamentals of ambition while our lives are in the plastic stage. Let us instill that fervor and indomitable spirit into our hearts ,which repeats itself again and again – "I can do and I will do"– until it becomes a part of us.

Let us perform the various tasks assigned us each day to the Best of our ability. Before we realize, we have formed the habit of not only doing things , but doing things well.

By allowing this little habit to creep gradually into our lives, we are climbing slowly and steadily, yet higher and higher up the ladder of Opportunity. Spurred on by Ambition, we at last reach the door of Success. This door, I assure you, will be unlatched to receive any conscientious boy who knows no such word as Impossible.

"Ambition is a pearl without price. Let no man rob you of it. It would be better to give him everything you own in the world than let him stifle your desire to get on. For while you hold on to that, you can never be completely disarmed in the battle of life."

Calendar

April 1 Tried out new spreader today, and finished up the dyke road at the South End.

Cottage Row Government held a caucus this evening.

Willard Schroeder, '24, on a vacation from Tilton School, is visiting here.

April 2 The Pilgrim was beached this morning to be cleaned and painted.

April 3 A number of boys were given the opportunity this evening to visit Station WEEI. This courtesy was extended by Big Brother, Claire Emery, '16.

Butchered pig weighing 266½ lbs.

Steamer Pilgrim was taken to Lawley's today for general repairs.

April 4 Roger Smith, '23, and Howard Sturtevant, '24, visited the School this afternoon.

April 6 Scow, John Alden, was calked and painted today.

A group of Harvard students came over this evening to entertain the Boys.

The veterinary was here this morning.

April 7 Cottage Row election was held tonight: Mayor, Clarence Hobson; Treasurer, William Warnock; Assessor, Hildreth Crosby; Chief of Police, Marshall Hall; Aldermen, Arthur Turner, Chairman, Jack Hobson, James Brain, Raymond Thomas, Seymour McFadyen; Clerk, Raymond McQuesten; Street Commissioner, George Poole; Librarian, William Long; Janitor, Carl Kuphal.

April 9 Rhubarb uncovered today.

April 10 Sowed oats in field by Observatory.

April 11 Doctor Taylor was here this morning to examine the Boys' teeth.

Manager and Mrs. Robert Gardiner and children were here for the afternoon.

A shoe-sewing machine was received to-day, the gift of Manager Thomas J. Evans.

April 12 Our annual Easter Concert was given in Chapel this afternoon by the Boys.

April 13 Painting of the walls of the court was completed today.

April 14 Sowed peas. Launched scow.

April 15 Captains and teams were chosen tonight for baseball. Team A, Charles Claggett; B, Arthur Blackwell; C, Raymond Thomas; D, Marshall Hall.

April 16 Early potatoes were planted today and orchard seeded to oats.

Members of the Forging Class with their Instructor attended an exhibit at Technology this afternoon.

April 17 Thinned out in the hot frames.

Manager Henry Jackson visited the School this afternoon.

April 18 Big Brother, Claire Emery, '16, with a number of his entertainers from Station WEEI came over to entertain the Boys this evening. Fine entertainment.

April 21 John Goodhue, '21, was here for the afternoon and evening.

Cottage Row Government held a trial in Assembly Hall this evening, Judge Winmill presiding.

April 22 The shingling and painting of the Poultry House were completed today.

President Arthur Adams and Manager Moses Williams and son Moses Williams, Jr., were visitors this afternoon.

April 23 Planted onion seed.

April 24 Butchered cow weighing 453 pounds.

Steamer Pilgrim was brought back from Lawley's today where she has been undergoing repairs.

Workmen came to-day to put galvanized iron lining in the sink in the Boys' washroom.

Three masons began work this morn-

ing on the new brick lining in the fire box at the Power House.

April 21 First group of boys went over to have teeth filled.

April 27 Went to Charlestown after supply of fertilizer.

April 28 Two new registered cows arrived today from the Ames Estate at North Easton. Mr. John Ames has given the School one of these cows.

First Friends' Day, 272 friends of the Boys were here for the afternoon.

April 29 Cut first asparagus.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

April 1 Today completes the twenty-fifth year of my sojourn on this Island. Hundreds of boys have gone out from this institution with influences received from me, either good or bad. Which have they been? God knows that my heart's desire has been to instill, such precepts into the hearts of all,—and to accompany those precepts with such examples as should develop true manhood and nobility of purpose in this life, —and an earnest desire for an inheritance in the life to come.

April 13 Today we have had one of the severest snow storms of the whole season.

April 26 Got new scow from Mr. Stearns at Neponset.

April 27 Mr. S. G. DeBlois came this P. M.

April 29 John Evans, a graduate, visited us.

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 73° on the 26th.

Minimum Temperature 37° on the 19th and 20th.

Mean Temperature for the month 48°.

Total Precipitation 1.63 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours is on the 19th and 20th.

Three days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 9 clear days, 5 partly cloudy, 16 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement May 1, 1925

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500.00
Other Investments	942.13
Cash	97.49
	$1539.62

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 466.39
Deposits	1073.23
	$ 1539.62

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK, President — BURTON DORMAN, Cashier

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A Sloyd Model

In our Sloyd Course, as we finish one model we start another until some happy day we find ourselves working on our last and best model, the tool chest.

The other day I started another new model which was the nail box. First I secured a piece of white wood and planed its highest side to a certain level. This is called face one, I next planed face two, or the side adjacent to face one. When face two was square, I then gauged the width and thickness. We do this to the pieces for the nail box. After having the two sides, and ends, bottom, and handle all planed to the right dimensions we sandpaper each piece and then we nail them all together, after this is done sometimes we either varnish or shellac it.

Charles Claggett

A Parade

On Friday afternoon, May 1, our Band went to Lawrence to take part in the parade held that afternoon in honor of Boys' Week. When we arrived there, the streets were crowded with people, and several other boys' bands were marching in the parade also. We marched a distance of about two miles, stopping at the same place from where we started.

After the parade was disbanded, we went to the Lawrence High School, where there was a large lunchroom in the basement. We were given some sandwiches, cocoa, doughnuts, and ice cream for refreshments.

We had a pleasant ride on the way to the Island until one of the busses which conveyed part of our Band, had a blowout. The bus I was on, turned back and stopped at Spot Pond, where the other bus was. We remained there, walking about the pond reservations until the tire was repaired. We arrived home tired, but happy, with pleasant thoughts of the interesting aftenoon we had spent.

Otto Kohl

Initials on Chests

Since last year many boys have put initials on the covers of their chests. It is quite a task. First it is necessary to cut out a piece of maple for the initials. We make the initials correctly out of paper.

After this we glue the initials on the piece of maple and with a fret saw we cut them out. This fret saw is good for particular work of this kind. After we have these initials cut out we get a piece of mahogany or walnut and trace the initials on this piece of wood.

This wood is generally about four inches long and two inches wide and a quarter of an inch thick. After we have the initials all traced we chisel the panel out so that the maple initials will set even with the walnut. After this is all done, we glue them in and then decide the shape we shall have. Some boys have ovals and some have them the shape of a diamond. After we have them the shape we wish we trace this on the inside of the panel and chisel it until it sets even with the panel. We then glue them in. After this is finished we can either stain it or put linseed oil on. Both make the initials stand out well. They call this inlaying.

John A Arkerson

A Waiter

My new work is waiting in the Instructors' dining-room. I have the Instructors to wait on at early meals. I go down to the dining-room at 6:20 A. M. for breakfast, again at 11:20 A. M. for dinner, and at 5:20 for supper. When I get there, the tables are all set with food, so I put on a waiter's coat and wait for the gong to sound, which is a signal to call the Instructors to meals. Then I serve them whatever they would like, that is on the table. After they have finished, I give them their dessert if they wish any. As soon as they go out, I clear the tables and crumb them. I then set up the tables again for the late meals, putting two small spoons and a knife, with the sharp side toward the plate on the right, and a fork at the left of the plate. At each end of the table are two serving spoons and dishes. The large dishes containing food are put at the foot of the table in the morning and noon and at the head of the table during supper. I like this work very much.

Ross S. Lloyd

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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It is the endeavor of The Farm and Trades School Alumni Association to become better and stronger each year, each week, in fact, each day. Its organization was for the benefit of all Farm and Trades School graduates, and the graduates make it a source of great strength by their support, or weaken its influence by their non-support. The officers of the Association, whose names and addresses appear at the top of this page each month, are ever ready to assist Farm and Trades School graduates as individuals, or as a whole, through the Alumni Association. Show your appreciation to your Alumni, its officers, and to your Alma Mater by writing them of yourself and of your classmates. Get in touch with the members of your class and schoolmates. Secretary Ellis will gladly send you names and addresses that you may desire to help in this work.

Below you will find the name and address of YOUR Class secretary. He wants to hear from YOU!

1897	Merton P. Ellis	38 Spafford Road, Milton 86, Mass.
1898	Howard B. Ellis	494 Broadway, South Boston 27, Mass.
1899	Thomas R. Brown	Box 401, Hollywood, Florida
1900	Alfred C. Malm	89 Malvern Street, Melrose 76, Mass.
1901	George G. Noren	105 Woodside Avenue, Winthrop, Mass.
1902	John J. Conklin	325 Main Street, Medford 55, Mass.
1903	Charles H. Bradley, Jr.	294 Washington Street, Boston 9, Mass.
1904	Walter D. Norwood	1533 Beacon Street, Brookline 47, Mass.
1905	C. James Pratt	101 Bellevue Avenue, Roslindale 31, Mass.
1906	Don C. Clark	789 No. Main St., North Leominster, Mass.
1907	Leon H. Quinby	90 Mt. Vernon Street, Dover, N. H.
1908	Frederick W. Marshall	43 Warnock St., Lowell, Mass.
1909	George J. Balch	7 Cypress Park, Melrose, Mass.
1910	Alfred W. Jacobs	Main Street, Hingham Centre, Mass.
1911	Bernard F. Murdock	36 Bickerstaff Street, Boston 17, Mass.
1912	C. Robert Emery	28 Greenleaf Street, Malden 48, Mass.
1913	Edmund S. Bemis	156 Morrison Avenue, Somerville 44, Mass.
1914	Geoffrey E. Plunkett	295 Plimpton Street, Walpole, Mass.
1915	Benjamin L. Murphy	44 Elaine Ave., East Saugus, Mass.
1916	Howard F. Lochrie	85 Pinckney Street, Boston 14, Mass.
1917	G. George Larsson	18 Haviland Street, Boston 17, Mass.
1918	Frank E. Woodman	263 Forest Street, Arlington 75, Mass.
1919	Malcolm E. Cameron	242 Pleasant Street, Stoughton, Mass.
1920	Daniel E. Smith	9 Atherton Street, Somerville 42, Mass.
1921	Theodore B. Hadley	32 High Street, Bridgton, Maine.
1922	Kenneth E. Kearns	Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, N. H.
1923	George D. Russell	6 Harwood Street, Beverly, Mass.
1924	Howard H. Sturtevant	Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, N. H.

The following instructions have been sent to each class secretary. "Keep in touch with each member of your class, make every class member an alumnus, put the Beacon in the hands of every class member, and establish a class gift." Will you help your class secretary to carry out these instructions?

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THE SCHOOL BAND 1925

Standing Left to Right,

Ivers Winmill, Edward Floyd, George Russell, Howard Costello, Arthur Blackwell, Raymond McQuesten, Herbert Gove, James Brain, Jack Hobson, Willis Drake, Clarence Hobson, Marshall Hall, Paul Butts, William Warnock, Bradbury Rand, William Young, Otto Kohl and Albert Cheney.

Front

William Reeve, James Libby, Clarence McLenna, Raymond Thomas, John Arkerson, George Adams, Donald McKenzie, Warren Burriss, Seymour McFadyen, Thomas Hall, Arthur Turner, Ralph Swan, Henry Gilchrist, Paul Turner, Carl Kuphal, Burton Dorman, George Libby and Carl Wijk.

Broadcasting

May Fifteenth, our Band went over to broadcast from Station WEEI. The Band had this opportunity through the kindness of "Bob" Emery a graduate of this School.

We left the Island at five o'clock, arriving at the Radio Station about six o' clock. The members of the Band were told to sit in the Broadcasting Studio while a man was giving an imitation of an aeroplane ride through the West. At a given signal our Bandmaster led the Band while it played a march, "Imperial Council." After that "Bob" Emery spoke a few words while the Band got ready to play "The Jolly Blacksmiths," a novelty overture.

Meanwhile graduates and friends of the School sent telegrams telling how they enjoyed the concert. The Band played "America the Beautiful," a march, and that ended the program. The Boys at the School went to the Assembly Hall and listened to the program over Mr. Swasey's radio set.

Clarence H. McLenna

Work on the Farm

One morning I was told to get in the farm line. When we got down to the Barn, some other Boys and I were told to get some hoes. Then we went to the garden by the Farm House. When we got there we were told to weed the cabbages. I like the farm work very much.

Carle Nichols

Memorial Sunday

When Memorial Sunday came, a hymn was played to wake the Boys instead of reveille.

When all the Boys had dressed we marched downstairs to get ready for breakfast. After this the neccessary work was done.

About half-past nine we put on our uniforms and the Band Boys got their instruments.

When the clock struck ten, we were on our way to the Cemetery, marching with the Band. As we approached the cemetery the Band stopped playing and we marched to the beat of muffled drums.

When we reached the Cemetery, the exercises began.

The program follows:

Hymn *Onward Christian Soldiers*
Quartette and School
Invocation
Mr. Putnam
Address
Clarence P. Hobson, *Mayor*
Recitation *Gettysburg Address*
Thomas A. Hall
Hymn *Abide With Me*
Quartette and School
Recitation *Flander's Field*
Arthur Brown
Recitation *America's Answer*
Carl O. Wijk
Selection
Band
Recitation *Spires of Oxford*
William M. Hall
Recitation *Invictus*
Fredrick Austin
Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Quartette and School
Recitation *The Blue and the Gray*
George Poole
Recitation *The Debt*
James Libby
Roll Call
Clarence Hobson
Decoration of Graves
Rolling of Muffled Drums
Taps, three times
Hymn *Nearer, My God, To Thee*
Quartette and School

After the exercises we marched back and had our dinner. We spent the afternoon quietly as usual.

Charles L. Wheeler

An Auction

One Wednesday evening Cottage Row Government held an auction to sell some shares in the Ionic Cottage as well as the new cottage. The new one has been named The Bradley in honor of Mr. Charles H. Bradley who instituted Cottage Row.

Ivers Winmill was the auctioneer. There are twelve shares in each cottage. The first set of three shares was sold for three dollars and sixty-five cents, the second set of two shares sold for two dollars and sixty cents, the third set of two shares sold at two dollars and sixty cents, and the fourth set of five shares sold for five dollars. I bought the third set.

Francis Floyd

My Work as Cobbler

Most of the shoes that have to be repaired need to have new heels. When putting on new heels I first spread rubber cement on the heel of the shoe and allow it to dry. I then file the rubber heel, so that it will stick better. After this I put in the nails. When shoes need to have leather soles, I saw the leather out on the bandsaw and then put them in water to soak. Some shoes get ripped in the back. These I repair with needle and thread. However, the next cobbler will have the benefit of a sewing machine, which has been presented to the School by one of its Managers. Since the change of work, I no longer am cobbler, but work in the shop.

Fredrick Austin

Memorial Day

Memorial Day dawned bright and clear and we were pleased for we enjoy our sports on this day. The Boys all jumped out of bed at the first note of the bugle which sounded at 5:45 A.M. When we were all dressed we passed downstairs to get ready for breakfast.

This over, all the Boys worked until nine o'clock when we were dismissed for the rest of the day.

The Boys were divided into six teams that were chosen the week before. They were all trained and ready for their work to help win the shield for their respective teams. There were three teams picked from the larger boys and three others from the smaller boys. The larger teams competed against each other and the smaller teams were matched against each other.

The team that won the largest number of points among all six teams, won the shield. Each team chose a name for itself. They were as follows;

Captains	Teams
M. Hall	U. of California
R. McQuesten	Princeton
E. Floyd	Penn State
G. Libby	Yale
J. Libby	Dartmouth
A. Butler	Harvard

The day began with the cross country run which the small boys ran first. The first place was taken by Harvard.

The award was a certain number of points for the three leading boys and the team having the most number ot points at the close of the races won the prize.

When the cross country had been run the Boys next went to the playground for the jumps and pole vault. These races were close and very good all through.

In the pole vault the first two places were taken by Princeton, the first place was vaulted at 10 feet. After these races had been run, the bell rang and the Boys went to the house to get ready for dinner. After dinner, the foot races were held on Beach Road and were very exciting.

When these had been run, the last of the races, which were the aquatic sports, were eagerly watched from the Stone Wharf. When these had been run off the races were finished and the Boys played ball until supper was ready.

When the points had been totalled, it was found that the University of California had won with the score of 84 points. Yale was second with 71 points.

Hildreth R. Crosby

A Good Time

May 30, we had a good supper on the beach. Mr. Swasey told us that we could build fires together on the beach and cook our own suppers. We had frankforts, rolls, pickles, lemonade, cookies, doughnuts, and marshmallows. We then had a tug of war. The boys had even numbers on one side and odd numbers on the other side. The evens won and they received a bag of peanuts. We all enjoyed the good time and went to bed happy.

Burton Dorman

My Work in the Sewing Room

Every Tuesday it is my duty to do the socks and finish as many as I can. Wednesday, we have underwear which I dislike very much because of so many little holes. Thursday we have corduroys or khakies. Friday we have socks again. Saturday, we first wash windows, then clean up for over Sunday. I like my work very much, and try to take pains with it. I have been in the Sewing Room three months now and each week the work seems easier than last week.

Theodore Vitty

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Kindness is not just being easy.

True kindness contains iron.

Very often when men of acquirements and accomplishments appear cold and unresponsive to appeal, they are asking of others merely that which they have exacted of themselves.

We have a friend, a hotel keeper, down at Columbus, Ohio.

He says that he was brought up in a very poor neighborhood in Detroit, that very few of his boyhood friends ever amounted to anything, and that their ideal seemed to be getting something for nothing.

The best of them, he says, got only as high as some political job that cost more in wardheeling effort than it was worth.

This friend of ours ran off from home in his early youth, got a job as a bell hop in a Chicago hotel, saved his money, succeeded in one job after another, and learned the hotel business.

Then, with his savings and the backing of a few friends he bought this hotel in Columbus. He made money from the start.

The news of his success found its way back to his boyhood freinds in Detroit.

One after another they came to him, all with a hard luck tale. He not only gave them bed and board, but very often clothes and money.

He says that in the first flush of his success he rather took a foolish pride in his ability to do all these things for his boyhood friends—that it was a manifestation of vanity.

One befriended aquaintance told another, and the more he did for them the more they came.

Like tramps, they marked the house where hand-outs were easy to get.

He said that these fellows began to play return engagements about every six months with the same hard luck story. They were all believers in luck—mostly hard luck.

Each of these fellows believed that his success was a matter of luck rather than effort and thrift. They took what he gave them as a matter of course, in the belief that he was only supplying the results of what he had and they did not—luck.

Finally our hotel friend mustered his courage and refused hospitality to all of his mendicant friends.

They soon passed the word around that his money had turned his head, that he had grown cold, and considered himself above them.

He says that all his kindness had reverse English in its effect.

So long as he was doing for them they were doing nothing for themselves. By his refusal of further charity, he caused them to put forth effort of their own, and to just that extent he destroyed their belief in luck.

He exacted of them only what he had exacted of himself -effort and thrift.

That which is too freely given is more of a loss to the receiver than to the giver.

—Harrisson's Magazine

Calendar

May 1 The Boys' Band went to Lawrence today to take part in a parade for the observance of Boys' Week.

Began work on new road in rear of Boat House.

May 5 Finished planting six acres of corn and cut a bushel of rhubarb.

The new cottage, The Bradley, on Cottage Row was completed today.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers was held at the School. Among those present were: President Adams and Managers Foster, Evans, Sears, Saltonstall and Lowell.

May 6 Planted early carrots, beets, lettuce, radishes and parsley. Sowed field in rear of Farm House to oats.

May 8 Cultivated the early potatoes and the peas.

May 9 John Schippers, '21 is here for the week end.

Several new oaks were transplanted today in the rear of the Power House.

May 11 Set out 1000 tomato plants.

May 12 Nearly 2000 cabbages were set out today.

May 13 Butchered cow weighing 385 pounds.

The semi-annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held at Young's Hotel in Boston this evening.

May 14 Finished planting potatoes, 53 bushels including early ones.

Painting of the dining-rooms was begun today.

May 15 Built new corral for the young stock.

Boys' Band broadcasted a concert this evening from WEEI. This is their first experience over the radio and the opportunity was afforded by Big Brother, Bob Emery, '16.

May 16 Team D defeated Team A this afternoon 10 to 9.

May 18 Began practicing music for graduation this evening.

May 19 Two hundred tons of coal screenings arrived today.

The re-arrangement of Cottage Row

was started today. Two cottages were moved.

May 20 Finished fertilizing corn field. Painted north firescape on Main Building.

May 21 Hauled nearly two tons of baled paper to City Point. Two more cottages were moved on Cottage Row today.

May 22 Seeded piece for balance of sweet corn.

May 23 Cleaned the beach. Team B was victorious this afternoon defeating Team C, 12 to 4.

May 24 Professor William Howell Reed of Tufts College was here this afternoon and spoke to the Boys.

May 25 Mixed fertilizer for vegetables, cleaned Storage Barn.

May 26 Blacksmith was here today.

May 28 Started cultivation of the corn. Mr. Burton L. Hess, General Secretary of the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene gave the Boys a very instructive talk on "Science of Life" this evening. The lecture was accompanied by moving pictures.

May 29 Finished planting the vegetables and butchered cow weighing 442 pounds.

Edward Osberg, '24, a student of Brewster Academy, is here for the afternoon.

May 30 Usual athletic and aquatic sports were enjoyed in observance of the day.

Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, and son are here for the week end.

Kenneth Kearns, '24, student at Brewster Academy, came to spend the night.

May 31 Memorial Day program was given at the cemetery at South End this morning.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

May 6 The first visiting day of this season. Managers Weld, DeBlois, Homans and Young were present.

May 7 A cold rough day with wind northeast and some rain. Self wrought in northeast grove pruning, etc.

May 8 Planted first fodder corn on South End, also buckwheat and set raspberries. There have been discharged during the month seven boys: Augustus Doe, Francis Richards, Geo. W. Pierce, Has. N. Williams, J. E Naron, Bryon L. Rider and Augustus Brown.

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May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 80° on the 21st.

Minimum Temperature 40° on the 14th.

Mean Temperature for the month 56°.

Total Precipitation 3.08¾ inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .70 on the 11th.

Ten days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 0 clear days, 13 partly cloudy, 18 cloudy.

Our History Lessons

In the latter part of this year we have been studying the World War. It is a little book written by McKinley, Coulomb and Gerson. These are new books and we are the first class to use them. The book describes many facts and gives its readers a good knowledge of Europe before the War, during the War and later. It describes many events and facts of interest, besides the general history.

We like the manner in which we study it. Each boy reads a paragraph. Later the class discusses it. After completing the chapter we study for a written lesson. We are now studying the results of the national problems, international problems and the League of Nations. An interesting topic we have just studied was President Wilson's speech to Congress, on Jan. 8, 1918 in which he set forth the aims, and peace terms of the U. S. His famous speech is known as "The Fourteen point speech".

With a few more lessons we shall complete the book and then shall begin a review of the whole book. We have enjoyed the book, and have learned a great deal about the World War.

William M. Hall

A Scow Ride

One Sunday afternoon the Band Boys were told to get their instruments and bring them down to the Wharf. The other Boys carried their chairs and racks. When we got to the Wharf we got into the scow, which was tied along side the steamer. In a little while we started in the direction of South End. We went as far as Lawley's shipyard, which is in Dorchester. We saw a great many interesting places. The Band was playing nearly all the time, which added to the enjoyment of every one. In a little while we turned around and came back to the Island. We enjoyed the trip very much.

James M. Libby

Moving Cottages

Mr. Swasey and Cottage Row Government thought it would be a good plan to move some of the cottages back and have two streets. Six of them were moved back.

There are now twelve cottages. A new one, The Bradley, being added. City Hall is in the center of the second row.

After the cottages had been moved back we started to build new streets. We dug a trench about six inches deep, thirty inches wide and the length of Cottage Row. We then filled it up with stones and put ashes on top, rolling them in to form a firm and hard surface.

We then seeded down the lawns in front of the cottages. There is a triangular plot of grass in front of City Hall. At the head of this we put the flag pole. I think this is a very good idea.

Ralph I. Swan, Jr.

Gardens

Every spring the boys who wish may have a flower garden. Seeds are given out and the Boys loosen the dirt and plant them. The different kinds of seeds are: chinese pinks, zinias, asters, coxcombs. cosmos candytuft, dalias and gladiola bulbs and other kinds. The boys who keep their gardens best are given prizes by Mrs S. V. R. Crosby, wife of one of the Managers.

The first prize is five dollars and the last is one dollar. Ten boys may get a prize and the money altogether equals twenty-five dollars. About sixty boys have gardens and we all enjoy them.

Thomas A. Hall

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Walpole

On the front page we have a picture of our Band, taken this last spring when the Boys broadcasted. The above picture may be interesting to some of you graduates. Howard Ellis who we see standing on the right has always kept his interest in the Band and acted as leader of the Boys' Band from 1912 to 1924.

Alexander McKenzie, '24, is working as messenger at the Webster Atlas National Bank in Boston.

Karl Van Deusen (Brackett) spent an afternoon at the School. Karl can be located at 621 West 189th Street, New York City.

All graduates who know Franklin P. Miller, '18, will be pleased to know that he has passed examination and received his appointment to West Point, to enter the first of July. Miller is making a fine record for himself. At the present time he is completing his second year at Brown University. Good work Miller, keep it up.

What has happened to class secretaries? Their notes are still needed for this page.

Harold Buchan, '21, who will graduate from Wentworth Institute in June, has accepted a position with the Vermont Marble Company in Procter, Vt. He will go to Vermont soon after his graduation.

David E. Long, '22, is now living at 49 Worthington Street, Boston, Mass.

Bernhardt Zerick '12, has written that he is Chief Engineer of the steamer "Hera" of the Standard Oil Company. He has been with that company since 1917 with the exception of the time he spent in the Navy during the War.

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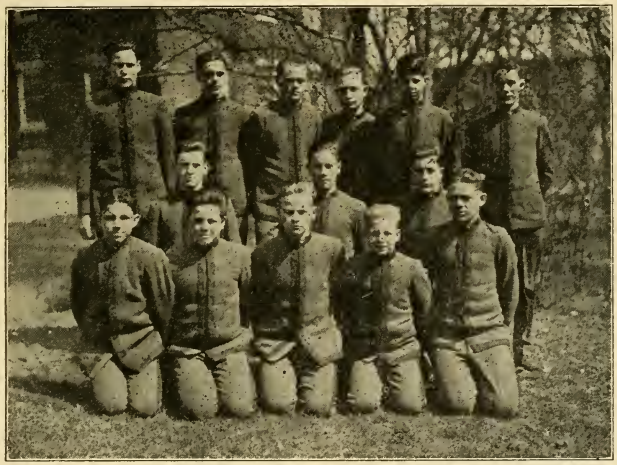

GRADUATING CLASS OF 1925

Standing Left to Right: Kenneth A. Priest, Raymond H. McQuesten, Edward L. Floyd, Ivers E. Winmill, Donald McKenzie, and George D. Russell.
Center Row: Joseph G. Wasson, Clarence P. Hobson, and Warren J. Burriss.
Front Row: Clarence E. Stevens, William F. Anderson, George A. Adams, Carl H. Kuphal, and Stanley W. Higgins.

Graduation

One of the most interesting days of the year is Graduation. For us it means the completion of the course at The Farm and Trades School. This year it occurred the ninth of June. The day proved to be pleasant and the exercises were held on the Front Lawn.

The boat arrived at 1:15 bringing a large number of people. The Band escorted them to the Front Lawn. Here they took seats that were reserved for them. The Band played a march, while the boys of the Graduating Class of 1925 marched to their seats.

The program follows:

OVERTURE--Pastime *L. P. Laurendeau*
Band

INVOCATION
Rev. Howard A. Morton

SALUTATORY
George D. Russell
SONG OF THE ARMOROR *George B. Neven*
School
CLASS PROPHECY
Edward L. Floyd
SELECTION--Jolly Blacksmiths *S. Suckley*
Band
CLASS WILL
Clarence E. Stevens
SONG-UNDER the BANNER of VICTORY
Franz von Blon
School
VALEDICTORY
Ivers E. Winmill
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
President Arthur Adams
ADDRESS
Rev. Vivian T. Pomeroy
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
Mr. Swasey
SCHOOL SONG
School
MARCH--America the Beautiful *Jean Missud*
Band
Raymond Thomas

Classes Completing Courses

Academic
Class of 1925

George Adelbert Adams, William Fernald Anderson, Warren James Burriss, Edward Lee Floyd, Stanley Wendell Higgins, Clarence Paton Hobson, Carl Henry Kuphal, Donald McKenzie, Raymond Hadley McQuesten, Kenneth Austin Priest, George Drysdale Russell, Clarence Eugene Stevens, Joseph Gordon Wasson, and Ivers Erwin Winmill.

Grammar

James Archibald Brain and Ralph Merton Cheney.

Sloyd

George Adelbert Adams, John Albert Arkerson, Ralph Merton Cheney, Willis Benjamin Drake, Francis Elwin Floyd, Thomas Augustus Hall, William Marshall Hall, Jack H. Hobson, William Rollin Holman, James Edward Hughes, Kenneth Austin Priest, Ralph Irving Swan, Jr., Clarence Eugene Stevens, Arthur Royal Turner, and Joseph Gordon Wasson.

Forging

William Fernald Anderson, Stanley Wendell Higgins, Clarence Paton Hobson, Donald McKenzie, Kenneth Austin Priest, and Joseph Gordon Wasson.

Giving Out Basketball Cups

Monday, June 8, we assembled for grade reading in the Assembly Hall. Afterwards Mr. Swasey awarded the Sears' basketball shield and cups. The shield went to Team A, which won 8 games and lost 1. The shield team is as follows:

George D. Russell	Captain, Center
Seymour C. McFadyen	Left Forward
James M. Libby	Right Forward
James A. Brain	Right Guard
Joseph G. Wasson	Left Guard
Substitutes	
Alton B. Butler	Left Guard
Albert Cheney	Left Forward
Fredrick Austin	Right Guard

The boys who received cups are:
Raymond Thomas, Team D Left Guard
George A. Adams, Team B Left Forward
James M. Libby, Team A Right Forward
Raymond McQuesten, Team D Center
James A. Brain, Team A Right Guard

The boys who received substitute cups are:
Edward L. Floyd, Team C Left Forward
Philip H. Young, Team C Right Forward
William M. Hall, Team D Right Guard

Two boys, George D. Russell and Ivers E. Winmill, were not eligible to receive cups for their positions on account of already having won six cups. They each received a blue sweater with The Farm and Trades School monogram on it in place of the cup.

Cecil A. Morse

Constellation Ride

Each year Mr. Herbert Sears, brother of one of our Managers, Mr. Philip Sears, invites the Boys and Instructors to enjoy a ride on his yacht, Constellation. This year the ride came on the day after graduation, June 10.

The morning was pleasant and each boy was given a new pair of sneakers. We left the Island about half past nine. The launch with a row boat in tow, took the Boys to the Constellation. Three trips were made. As the Boys and Instructors went on board they were greeted by Mr. Herbert Sears, and Mr. Philip Sears and guests, Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Lowell.

Soon the anchor was hoisted, and the sails were put up, and we were moving down the harbor. We sailed about three hours and on returning, we anchored in front of our Wharf. Refreshments ot sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream and cake were served.

We were each given a box of chocolates before leaving the Constellation. We were sorry when the time came to say goodbye to Mr. Sears, his brother and guests.

When we were all at home on our Wharf once more, we gave three cheers and a tiger for the Constellation, its owner and guests. We thank Mr. Sears very much for this pleasant time each year.

Willis B. Drake

Class Ride

Through the kindness of our President, Mr. Arthur Adams, the Graduating Class each year enjoys a Class Ride to some interesting place. This year the Class went to Gloucester.

They left the Island about 12:30 Thursday, June 11. When the Class returned, one of the boys told me what an interesting time he had. He said when the Class reached City Point a large White Star Line automobile met them and they soon started. They went along the North Shore passing through Swampscott, Prides Crossing, Beverly, and Marblehead where they saw the Constellation, the beautiful sailing yacht which takes us on a ride down the harbor each year. They went through Marblehead to Gloucester. In Marblehead they visited the hall where hangs the original painting of "Spirit of '76". They also saw the small dory in which one man crossed the ocean. They also visited the Gordon Pew fish packing factory and saw many interesting and beautiful homes. In Gloucester they stopped for ice cream and cake. I know the boys of the class and the Instructors who accompanied them enjoyed the trip very much and found it interesting.

Ralph I. Swan, Jr.

Alumni Field Day

Alumni Day is an annual event at our School. It occurs June 17, which happened this year to be on Wednesday of the week following graduation. The Boys worked from 7 to 9 o'clock then the Band boys got their instruments and went down to the Wharf with the other Boys. When the boat was coming in the Band began to play. The people followed the Band until we reached the lawn. Here the President of the Alumni Association spoke about various things. The Band played a few numbers and then in about a half hour the Alumni Association had dinner by the tennis court. After dinner they had a few races for the Boys. There was a baseball game between the married and single men. The married men won. A play, Professor Pepp was given at four o'clock in the afternoon by the Boys of the F. T. S. The Alumni left the lawn after this and went to the Wharf. Everybody had a good time.

Burton Dorman

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The visiting clergyman in a summer colony was asked to preach in the local church and his young son accompanied his father on Sunday morning. In the entry, the clergyman noticed the collection box and dropped in fifty cents. At the conclusion of the service, the deacon came forward and announced that it was customary to give visiting clergymen the contents of the collection box. Accordingly, he opened the box and handed the minister fifty cents. Outside the church the little boy tugged at his father's arm and said, "Daddy, if you had put more in the box, you would have gotten more."

With this apt illustration, Mr. Pomeroy gave us on graduation day, a principle we will do well to ponder. "What ye sow, that shall ye also reap."

Graduation is a time of reckoning. We look back on the years just past, realizing our successes and our failures. We look eagerly forward to days of new experiences, new challenge. Let us go forward joyfully, giving ourselves wholeheartedly to the things which seem worth while. Our ideals and visions will grow as we do. We can only be true to our deeper selves, keeping hearts and minds alert for truth and beauty. "Today is ours, and today alone." Unstintingly let us give ourselves and in so giving we shall find not only success, but the more abundant life.

Calendar

June 1 Cultivated silage corn and measured South End for wire to enclose pasture land.

June 3 Sowed out piece by Compost Shed.

June 4 Started cultivating the potatoes.

Boys slept out on Oak Knoll tonight.

June 5 Sowed out piece on the flat

below the Poultry House.

June 6 Hauled boulder from North End for War Service memorial.

Weather continues very hot and all Boys except fourth grade boys slept out on North Grove.

June 7 Baccalaureate service for the boys in the graduating classes was held at Phillips Church in South Boston this morning.

Towed President Adams' Yacht to Lawley's shipyard this afternoon.

Severe hot spell was broken at noon today when a heavy squall broke upon us from the east.

June 8 The Shaw Conduct Prizes, Temple Consolation Prizes and the Sears basketball shield and individual cups were awarded this evening after Grade Reading. The awarding of the prizes was followed by the dedication of a tree to the Class of 1925.

June 9 Graduation exercises were held this afternoon. Reverend Vivian T. Pomeroy of Milton, Massachusetts, was speaker and he gave the Boys an interesting and instructive discourse. Sixteen boys received literary diplomas, fifteen, sloyd diplomas and six, forging diplomas. The guests included President and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Secretary Daland, and Managers Sears, Foster, and Pierce.

In the evening a dancing party in honor of the Class of 1925 was given in the Assembly Hall.

June 10 The Boys and Instructors with Mr. and Mrs. Swasey, enjoyed a sail on the Constellation today. This is an annual pleasure of graduation week, a gift of Manager Philip Sears and brother, Herbert Sears.

An epidemic of chicken pox broke out among the Boys today.

Edward Osberg '24, arrived today and will work here for the summer.

June 11 The annual Class ride to Gloucester, a gift of President Adams, was enjoyed today by the Class of '25.

Mowed first hay of the season this afternoon.

Osmond Bursiel, '22, came today and will be employed on the farm during the summer vacation.

June 12 The firescapes and conductors on the Main Building are being repainted.

Went to Lawley's shipyard with the Launch Winslow to get President Adams' yacht the "Dolphin," which we towed down the harbor.

Instructors' Day. The Instructors spent the day at Lake Nagog.

June 13 The Class of 1919 of M.I.T. were here for an outing this afternoon.

June 14 Manager and Mrs. Roger Pierce and guests visited briefly at the School this afternoon.

June 15 Picked first strawberries of the season today.

The Winslow is being scraped and repainted.

Merton P. Ellis, '97, spent the afternoon here.

June 16 Moved pigs to corral.

The rearrangement and repairing of the Cottages on Cottage Row were completed today.

June 17 Alumni Day with usual celebration; games, and contests, dinner on the lawn and in the afternoon the play, "Professor Pepp," was given by students of the School. There were one hundred and eighty-two people present.

June 18 Graded and seeded grounds around the cottages and marked off lots on Cottage Row.

The graduates who left the School today included: George Adams, William Anderson, George Russell, Carl Kuphal, Stanley Higgins, Edward Floyd, Clarence

Hobson, Clarence Stevens, Raymond McQuesten, and Donald McKenzie.

June 19 Ivers Winmill and Kenneth Priest, both of '25 and Philip Young, grammar course, '24, left today.

Raymond Metcalf, '24, a student at Tilton Seminary, is here for the night.

Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, came over tonight and will audit the books tomorrow.

June 20 The Daughters of Vermont and members of the Vermont Association were here for an outing this afternoon. They provided ice cream for the Boys.

Ralph Cheney, grammar course, '25, left today to join his mother in New Hampshire.

June 21 Through the efforts of Bandmaster Mr. Warren, the 101st Engineers' Band came over this afternoon to give us a concert.

June 22 A row boat, the gift of the Massachusetts Humane Society, was brought over today.

June 24 Began building fence around pasture at South End.

Assisted Manager Saltonstall and his friends, whose boat had gone aground off Hangman's Island.

June 25 Seymour C. McFadyen, '24, left today for Portland, Maine where he will work during the summer.

A new Singer machine for the sewing room arrived this afternoon.

Manager W. B. Foster is here for the afternoon.

June 26 Installed new aerial on Cottage Row.

A cable leading to the barn is being renewed.

June 27 Warren J. Burriss, '24, left the School today.

The first peas of the season were picked today, also the first currants.

Painted No. 1 schoolroom.

June 30 Boys left this morning on their annual furloughs of seven days.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

June 3 The Second Visiting Day of the season. Managers Young, Storer, Emmons, DeBlois and Homans present. By request left Boston this eve for New York to bring on the new steamboat which has lately been purchased.

June 11 Went to city with boat to get cabbage and tomato plants.

June 14 Were visited by twelve of our Managers, the Overseers of the Poor and others to the number of forty to whom we gave a collation. The day was fine and the occasion very pleasant.

June 21 Our steam yacht, Jane McCrea arrived.

June 24 Very warm, 88 at noon.

June 29 The graduating class of the Everett School with Master Hyde, Messrs. Crufts, Learned, and S. G. DeBlois of the School Committee, Reverend Mr. Wright of the Berkley Street Church, Mr. Page of the Dwight School, all the teachers of the Everett School, and Mrs. S. G. DeBlois, visited us today and had a fine time. The whole was under the direction of Mr. S. G. DeBlois. Mrs. Hyde sent fruit cake to the Boys.

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 95° the 6th.

Minimum Temperature 52° the 18th.

Mean Temperature for the month 69°.

Total Precipitation 3.30 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours $.81\frac{1}{4}$ on the 16th.

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The Shaw Conduct Prizes

Through the kindness of Mr. Francis Shaw, a former Manager of our School, there are ten prizes of money distributed every six months for good conduct. Twenty-five dollars is divided into various amounts. These go to those boys who have the best record according to the grade chart.

Mr. Swasey announced the winners Monday evening, June 8. after Grade Reading. As each successful boy heard his name called, he went forward to receive his prize. The money was given in a long envelope. Each boy shook hands with Mr. Swasey as he received his prize. We applauded each happy winner. We like these prizes very much and congratulate the boys. The list of names follow:

Rank	Name	Amount
1st	George Drysdale Russell	$5.00
2nd	Clarence Eugene Stevens	3.25
3rd	Raymond Byron Chamberlain	3.00
4th	Fredrick Austin	2.75
5th	Raymond Thomas	2.50
6th	Ivers Erwin Winmill	2.25
7th	Robert Edward Cunard	2.00
8th	Jack H. Hobson	1.75
9th	George Adelbert Adams	1.50
10th	Frederick Lloyd George	1.00

George Libby

The Temple Consolation Prize

Every year prizes are awarded to the boys who stay in the first grade most of the year, and have the least number of marks. There are ten money prizes given by Mr. Francis Shaw to the ten boys who win the first prizes. Some boys just miss this list, so there are Consolation prizes of books, given by one of our Mangers, N. Penrose Hallowell. The boys who won Temple Consolation prizes are as follows:

11th Seymour Calvin McFadyen - Book on Machine Drawings.

12th George Johnston Knott - Boys' Book on Model Boats.

13th Arthur Ramsdale Blackwell - Boys' Book on Machinery.

14th Ralph Henry Martis - Fundamentals of Baseball.

15th Donald McKenzie - Productive Farm Crops

Honorable Mention

16th William Rollin Holman

17th James Everett Johnson

William R. Reeve

The Engineers' Band

One Sunday afternoon the 101st Engineers' Band came over to give us a band concert. The leader is Mr. Warren who is also our bandmaster.

A number of marches and overtures were played. A trombone solo was played and the piece was named Katherina. This was very good and was played again by request. When the Engineers' had an intermission our band played a few numbers.

This is the third time the Engineers' Band has come over through the kindness of Mr. Warren. We are thankful for the fine entertainment. Henry E. Gilchrist

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The Annual Alumni Field Day was held on the Island June 17th. There was a large attendance of members and their families, due to the glorious weather that prevailed, and the efforts of the new class secretaries. The members and their guests arrived at the Island shortly after ten o'clock, and were met on the Wharf by the School Band. They were escorted to the Front Lawn where a brief business meeting was held. President Will F. Davis, '76, presided. Mr. Davis called on Superintendent Paul F. Swasey who welcomed the guests and extended to them the courtesies of the Island. Manager Walter B. Foster read the treasurer's report and announced the Alumni Fund to be $8173 after an addition of $425 this year. Jimmie Graham was asked to pass the hat, which netted $100.00 (not so bad for Jimmie).

Picnic lunch was eaten on the North Lawn where the graduating class were the guests of the Alumni.

Following the lunch a ball game was played between the married and the single men, which resulted in a victory for the married men. Games and spectacular contests were run off with cash prizes for the winners and amusement for the spectators. A distinguished member in the person of Bob Emery, '12, director of the Big Brother Club, Station WEEI, was present and assisted greatly in the management of the sporting events, although the ladies' pie race ended very disastrously for Bob.

An interesting feature of the day was the presentation of the comedy, Professor Pepp, by the upper class boys. The play was very entertaining and added greatly to the success of the day.

Registrations June 17, 1925

Roger K. Smith
Albert H. Peterson
Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Loud
Cyrus W. Durgin
Wm. J. Long
Sherman G. Boucher
John H. Schippers
John Powers
Elwin Bemis
Ernest V. Wyatt
Edrick B. Blakeman
Webster S. Gould
Charles H. Bradley, Jr.
Ivers Allan
Robert MacKay
Walter D. Norwood
Merton P. Ellis
S. Gordon Stackpole
Bernard Murdock

T. J. Evans
Mrs. W. E. Shurtleff
Ruth Loud
Earl C. Marshall
Richard H. Long
Soloman B. Holman
Theodore F. Miller
G. George Larsson
Richard Bell
J. H. Partridge
James A. Peak
Alden B. Hefler
Fred B. Thayer
Will Frank Davis
Luke Halfyard
Claire R. Emery
Glenn Furbush
Geoffrey E. Plunkett
Franklin E. Gunning

H. E. Warmbold
Mr. H. Woodbury
Edith Loud
Robert Giese
Russell A. Adams
Alice Holman
Walter Herman
George Bennett
George Buchan
William T. Marcus
Emerson S. Gould
James H. Graham
Alfred W. Jacobs
Theodore J. Gould
Edward Robertson
Charles C. Shaw
William A. Morse
Ernest M. Catton

Edmund Bemis
Henry Peterson
William Loud
David E. Long
Walter J. Kervin
Mr. & Mrs. Scudder
Ruth & Roger Scudder
Harold Buchan
Charles Duncan
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Littlefield
George Hartman
Chester W. Buchan
Spencer S. Profit
Howard E. Keith
Malcolm E. Cameron
Willis Smith
Alfred C. Malm
Wallace A. Bacon

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The Fourth of July

The boys who were on the Island on the Fourth of July had a fine time.

We worked in the morning, until nine o'clock, and at ten o'clock we went for a swim. The water was cold, but we had a fine swim nevertheless.

At eleven thirty, we had a good dinner. After this, we did as we liked until five o'clock when the firecrackers were given out. We set these off until about five-thirty when it started to rain.

We had our picnic in the gymnasium instead of on the beach as had been planned. When the supper was over it had stopped raining, so we went down to the beach. Mr. Swasey set off the large fireworks, of which there were plenty.

We went to bed very thankful for the fine time the Instructors had given us.

George Libby

My Vacation

Tuesday morning, June 30, some of the boys went home on their vacations. We dressed in our uniforms, went down to the Wharf, and boarded the Steamer. At City Point our friends were waiting to take us home. Mr. Swasey called out our names in alphabetical order.

My sister was waiting for me and she took me to see my father. Then we went to Nantasket Beach and spent a pleasant day. The next day I visited another sister in Dedham. I went in swimming that morning and in the afternoon we went automobile riding. In this manner each day of my vacation passed quickly.

I know the other boys had a good time also.

Thomas J. Kenney

Friends' Day

The Friends' Day for July was on Friday the 26th. After dinner the Boys washed and dressed in their uniforms. When it was nearly time for the Nantasket boat to arrive, the Boys escorted by the Band marched to the Wharf. It seemed a long time that we waited for the boat, although it was only a few minutes.

After the friends had left the boat, we marched up to the front lawn where the Band played and Mr. Swasey made a few remarks. Then we were dismissed. We went with our friends and showed them around the school, inside bounds. Some boys were without friends and they worked.

When the bell rang we went down to the Wharf to see the friends off. At supper time all of the bundles and packages of food were on the tables. Every boy had something, as those who received the bundles shared with those who didn't. On the whole we spent a happy day.

Douglas D. Holton

Our Quarterly Election

Tuesday evening, July 21, our quarterly election of Cottage Row was held. First the shareholders voted and then the non-shareholders. The non-shareholders did not vote for Assessor. The officers for the coming term are as follows:

William Holman Judge of Superior Court.

Marshall Hall Judge of Lower Court

Raymond Thomas Mayor

Arthur Turner Chairman of Aldermen.

Aldermen

Charles Claggett	Shareholder
William Warnock	Shareholder
Willis Drake	Non-Shareholder
Gilman Day	Assessor
William Long	Treasurer
Jack Hobson	Chief of Police
George Poole	Lieut. of Police
Alton Butler	Sargt. of Police

Patrolmen

John Arkerson, Albert Cheney, Henry Gilchrist, and William Kenning.

James Libby	Clerk
Herbert Gove	Street Commissioner
George Libby	Librarian
Bradbury Rand	Janitor

The Mayor chooses his Chief of Police, Clerk, St. Commissioner, Librarian, and Janitor. The Chief of Police chooses his officers and Patrolmen.

George O. Poole

Working on the Coal Pile

Last Monday, the coal barge came and the farm boys helped to unload the coal and keep the coal pile level. We worked quite hard at times, but we had a rest once in awhile. We had to work until twelve o'clock at noon, but I didn't mind because it gave me a larger appetite for dinner, and we probably enjoyed it more.

Theodore L. Vitty

My Bakery Work

After I finish my dinner, I go in the bakery for my work. I first go to the stockroom with another boy and get a bag of flour. I then bring it to the bakery and sift it into the bread mixer. After that I sweep the floor and scrub it. I next grease the bread tins and report to the Kitchen Instructor who dismisses me. It is then about two o'clock, I have the rest of the afternoon off until quarter of five when I go in to mix the bread. I put in a half pound of soaked yeast, two quarts of grease, two and a half cups of salt, and two and a quarter pails of water. I mix all this with the flour. I then take the bread that the morning boy has baked, into the dining room. After that I get the wood up from the woodcellar and go to supper. I come from supper, take the dough that has been mixing by use of the electric mixer and put it into the trough so that it can rise until the next morning. The morning baker and I take turns getting up in the morning at a quarter of five to weigh and put the dough in the tins. After breakfast it is baked by the morning boy. It usually comes out good.

William N. West

Mosquito Inspecting

One Monday, I asked the Supervisor if some boys could go mosquito inspecting. First we made out a slip to notify him what boys wished to go. We went down to the tool-room and got hoes and pails. Then we got some crude oil at the Compost Shed and went over to South End. We spread the oil on the ditches. Then we went around the beach tipping over and removing tin cans, filled with stagnant water, to prevent the mosquitoes from breeding in them. When we got up to the house, it was 8:45 P. M.

William C. Kenning

My Daily Routine

In the early dawn, when the sun is just peeping over the horizon, at quarter of six, the bugle sounds reveille and I jump from my slumber ready to start off the day with good humor. The first thing I do after getting dressed is to go down to the washroom and wash for breakfast.

After washing and combing my hair, brushing my teeth and shoes, I have a few minutes to walk around or read a book.

At twenty-five minutes past six, Mess Call sounds which means to get ready for breakfast. At half past six, the bugle sounds Assembly, and I get into line for breakfast. After reporting the absent ones, I face with the other boys and file into the dining room, where breakfast is ready for us. After we have repeated Grace we sit down to eat.

At seven o'clock, we are through breakfast and file out of the dining room for work. Some of the boys work and others go to the sloyd room. I am one of those who goes to the sloyd room. When the bell rings at half past eight, I go to the Main Building with the others and get ready for school. At quarter of nine I fall into line and march to the school room where we study and recite until quarter past eleven when we are dismissed and have 15 minuets to get ready for dinner at half past eleven.

At this time we report again, face and file into the dining room for dinner.

At twelve o' clock we file out and fall into line for dismissal. When we are dismissed we have a whole hour to play and do anything we wish.

At one o'clock the bell rings and we get ready again either to work or to go to school. I go to work in the afternoon, so at this time I report for work at the Steamer. Here I do several duties such as scrubbing the decks, shinning brass, washing windows, etc. I work the whole afternoon, from one o'clock until five o'clock. At this hour the bell rings and I go up to the Main Building to get washed for supper. At twenty-five minutes past five the Mess Call sounds and we get ready for supper.

At half past five the Assembly sounds and we fall into line. After reporting we face and file into the dining room. At six o'clock we file out and are dismissed. We have another whole hour in which to play. At seven o'clock the bell rings and we get washed for bed. At half past seven the Assembly sounds and we fall into line again. After reporting we face and march to the dormitory for bed. We stand still as Taps is sounded. When it is over we undress and get into bed for we are tired from a hard day's work. Next morning we start the daily routine again.

Carl A. Carlson

New Johnnies

Friday, July 10, fourteen new boys came to the School. We had been looking forward to this day. The new boys did not arrive until nearly nine o' clock that evening. By that time we were all in bed so we did not see them until next morning.

When they were ready for breakfast we showed them around the Island and told them about the grade system and what they may be checked for.

They were treated like visitors, until they got used to the routine. After this, they were given regular work and were treated the same as the other Boys. The new boys like the School very much and we are glad to have them here.

William H. Van Meter

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A favorite quotation of a favorite author reads—

"The world is so full of a number of things,

I'm sure we all should be as happy as kings."

We feel this especially true as July approaches. She brings Independence Day, with its joyous celebration. We are not unmindful of the great significance of this glorious day, but like boys everywhere, we thrill with the booming of the cannon, the cracking of the torpedoes, and the explosion of the fire crackers. We celebrate the day in typical American fashion. We love our country and know it is the best on earth. As our flag is raised each morning and lowered at sunset, we are proud to pause and stand at attention whether at work or play. We know patriotism is a fundamental virtue of strong character.

July also brings those long anticipated furloughs. Eight days we are away from our School visiting home and friends. These days are for fun and pleasure. Often they are planned through sacrifice of someone. We enjoy them and enjoy thinking about them later.

We also welcome new boys this month. Admission day is always a red letter day with us. We are eager to see the new boys. We know just how they feel. Perhaps we shall find a new friend.

After vacation, furloughs and admission day are over, the bell sounds which calls us to our class rooms. This happens on a July morning, too. Here we begin another year of study. We find different tasks set for us. Often they are very interesting and challenge our best efforts.

Activities of various kinds, thoughts and many interests fill our days, weeks, and months.

Truly we find our world full of many things and each a king of his own life, if he so chooses.

Calendar

July 3 First Grade boys are camping out tonight at Bowditch Grove.

July 4 Usual celebration today with sports on the beach in the afternoon and beach supper and fireworks in the evening.

July 5 The few boys remaining here and Instructors enjoyed a ride up the Neponset river to Milton this afternoon.

July 6 Joseph Wasson,'25, left today and will work this summer at his home in Suncook, N. H.

July 7 Forty-one boys returned this afternoon from their annual furlough of seven days. Twelve other boys left this morning to begin their week's vacation.

There was a severe thunder storm in the early evening during which the lightening struck a tree in the grove between the Avenues.

July 8 Finished weeding cabbages.

Painted schoolroom number two.

July 9 Telephone man came over this morning to repair line.

Excavations are in progress for a new drain by Gardner Hall.

James Johnson, Ex '28, left this afternoon and will return to his home in South Weymouth to help his mother.

Manager Henry Jackson, M. D., visited the School during the afternoon.

July 10 Finished haying at the South End today.

Ivers E. Winmill, '25, was here for the afternoon.

Fourteen new boys were admitted today: Karl Adams, Royl Augustine, Gordon Baxter, John Hallewell, Carl Herman, Douglas and Roger Holton, Bertrand Newell, Arthur Sherry, Horace and John Taylor, John Walter, Waldo Waters, and Almon Whitmore.

July 11 The painting of schoolroom number three was started today.

Clarence Hobson, '25, came tonight to spend Sunday.

July 12 Band played on the Wharf this morning during the assembly of the yachts from the Dorchester Bay Yacht Clubs for their annual outing at Paddocks.

July 13 Haying at the North End was begun today.

School teachers returned today preparatory to the opening of school tomorrow.

July 14 School work was resumed today after the annual summer vacation of one month.

The Steamer "Pilgrim" was beached and given a new coat of paint today.

Twelve boys returned this afternoon from their vacations.

July 15 Second crop of beets, parsnips and carrots were planted today.

July 17 Painted firescapes and conductors on Power House.

July 18 Exciting game of baseball this afternoon running into thirteen innings. Team C defeated Team D 12 to 11.

Warren Burriss, '25, is here for the week end.

July 20 Laid new floor on Farm House porch.

Barge arrived this morning with four hundred and seventy-five tons of coal.

July 22 Finished hauling coal this afternoon.

July 23 Finished haying at North End.

Managers Edward Wigglesworth and Henry Jackson, M. D., visited the School this afternoon.

July 24 Dug first of early potatoes.

July 25 Harvested early cabbages.

Edward Floyd, '25, and Howard Sturtevant, '24, are here for the week end.

July 26 Cleaned beach.

July 27 Picked first of the summer squash.

July 29 Turned young stock to pasture at South End.

The launch, Winslow, was taken to Lawley's for new guard rail and corner plates.

July 30 Cleaned Old Barn and Root Cellar.

July 31 Cut second crop on field by Observatory.

Went to Pemberton with the Pilgrim to get Managers Charles E. Mason and Walter B. Foster and Mrs. Mason and two sons, who spent the day at the School.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

July 5 We celebrated the 4th today. Quite a number of graduates here.

Gave the Boys rides in boats in the A. M. All had a good time and enjoyed the splendid regata of the Boston Yacht Club which took place just off the Point.

July 6 Boys in School, eighty-five.

July 11 Manager S. G. DeBlois officiated at services today.

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 89° the 7th.

Minimum Temperature 52° the 1st.

Mean Temperature for the month 72°.

Total Precipitation 3.13 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours one inch on the 27th.

Eight days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 11 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, 12 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement August 1, 1925

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500.00
Other Investments	761.45
Cash	174.15
	$1435.60

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 452.39
Deposits	983.21
	$ 1435.60

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK, President — BURTON DORMAN, Cashier

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A Fight With a Pig

One day I was told to take some sour milk down to the pigs. Being a "New Johnny" I did not know how to put the milk into the trough, so I unlatched an iron door which was in front of the trough. A pig saw the door open and made a wild rush for it. He pushed so hard that I could not hold him in. I called twice for someone to help me, but no one came. I was afraid if the pig got out, he would do a lot of damage. As the manure spreader was in front of the door, I braced myself against it, in an effort to close the door of the pig-pen. The pig ran back into the pen. My weight on the door sent it into the pen also. The pig came back and pushed again. Finally I managed to lock the door. I still had the sour milk, so I climbed on top of the pen and poured it in the trough. I hope I do not have to fight a pig again.

Horace A. Taylor

A Grade Party

A first graders' party was held in the gymnasium, Wednesday evening, July 22. We had a very enjoyable time and several interesting games. Refreshments of cookies, lemonade, and candy kisses were served.

Rogor L. Holten

How Trouble Came Into the World

Long ago in the Golden Age when iron and gold were buried deep in the ground, every one was happy. No one had to work hard or do anything unpleasant. Peace reigned over the world. During this age there lived Prometheus and Epimetheus, two brothers. One day Prometheus stole fire for man. He thought that Jupiter, the ruler of gods and men would be angry, so he went on a long journey. He had told his brother not to accept any gift from the gods.

After he had gone, Epimetheus saw Mercury coming in the distance, leading a beautiful maiden, whose name was Pandora. She was so lovely that Epimetheus took her into his cottage, and he was no longer lonely. After that a heavy box was brought to them by the satyrs, as a gift from the gods, and Epimetheus was told not to open it. One day while he was out hunting, Pandora opened the box just a little, and a whole swarm of Trouble flew out. They bit and stung her badly. Just then Epimetheus happened to be in the doorway, when he was stung by them too. After this people began to have headaches, rheumatism, and many other illnesses. They became unfriendly and quarrelsome. They began to grow old too. But there was one more beelike creature in the box and when they let her out, she went around undoing all the evils that the troubles had done, as fast as one good fairy could undo the evil work of a swarm. No matter what evil thing happened to the poor mortals, she always found some way to comfort them.

William Thompson

A Launch Ride

During vacation week, some boys who had stayed here and were in the first grade, enjoyed a launch ride up the Neponset River. Before we started Mr. Swasey wanted to take some cans of milk out to the Boston Floating Hospital, which had anchored near our wharf. The hospital boat pulled out before we could signal them, but Mr. Swasey ran alongside in the launch and gave the people the cans of milk. After that the launch returned and the boys were taken up the Neponset as far as the falls. We passed Lawley's Shipyards and saw some fine boats. I enjoyed the trip very much and was glad I was in the first grade.

Ross S. Lloyd

A Baseball Game

Saturday, July 11, 1925, was my first day at the Island. In the morning all of the new boys worked on the Farm. After dinner we played until two o'clock and then there was a baseball game. I asked the captain of Team A if he would let me play and he consented. Team A had a good start at the beginning. The score was 6 to 1 in our favor. But in the last part of the sixth inning our team lost 11 to 10. I had a very nice time for my first day. I like it here very much, and I hope all of the other boys do also.

Almon H. Whitmore, Jr.

Cleaning Out the Root Cellar

Every year when the time comes to harvest vegetables, the Root Cellar is cleaned. I helped this year. First we took out all of the decayed vegetables and sand. We then brought in two loads of fresh sand and spread it around. Then we cleaned the shelves and bins. After this we brought in some cabbages and hung them up. It was then time to go to the Barn to get ready for milking. This finished the day's work.

Herbert E. Gove

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It is the desire of the Committee on War Service Records to complete the list of Boys who were in the service. On Alumni Day a false bronze tablet was prepared with the names of the Boys who were in the service as far as records show. There are still a number of corrections to be made. A list of these names are printed below and the committee urgently requests you to carefully look over the names and make any corrections or additions that you may know. Send any imformation to Merton P. Ellis, Gen. Sec., 38 Spafford Road, Milton 38, Mass., or direct to the School.

Allen, Eldred W. '16
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Barton Frederick J. '09
Batchelder, Raymond H. '15
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Bemis, Edson M. '13
Bemis, Kenneth A. '17
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Blakemore, James A. '12
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Buottner, Louis C. '91
Burton, Clarence F. '12
Casey, Alfred H. '13
Casey, George W. '16
Casey, John J. '11
Casey, Robert '13
Churchill, Forrest L. '15
Cleary, Henry '89
Coolidge, Erwin L. '15
Collins, Byron E. '15
Colson, Frederick J. '81
Coombs, Perry '14
Cowden, Lester E. '16
Cowley, William E. '13
Darling, Louis W. '08
Deane, William B. '03
DeMar, Clarence H. '03
Dierkes, Herbert A. '06
Eaton, Stephen '10
Edwards, Harold W. '10
Enright, John O. '12
Fessenden, Harry D. '14
Flynn, William J. '03
Foster, William F. '97
Freudenberger, Franklin F. '12
Gerecke, Bernhardt '12
Gordon, Ralph L. '97
Gordon, Victor H. '15
Gregory, James R. '10
Gregory, Robert W. '09
Gunning, Franklin E. '14
Hadley, Ralph G. '14
Hill, Charles '02
Holmes, George M. '10
Holmes, Ralph '03
Holmes, Warren '03
Horsman, Walter R. '13
Hynes, Carl D. '14
Hynes, Frederick '12
Jacobs, Alfred W. '10
Jacobs, Harold Y. '10
Jefferson, Charles R. '14
Jordan, Cecil O. '13
Jordan, George R. '13
Kenney, Herbert H. '11
King, William N. '15
Laighton, Daniel W. '01
Leach, Hubert N. '16
LeStrange, John '11
Lewis Llewlyn H. '14
MacKenzie, George A. '06
MacKenzie, Henry E. '99
MacKeown, Cecil E. '11
Mandeville, Frederick J. '15
Marshall, Frederick W. '08
Marshall, J. Herman '11
Marshall, William M. '10
Maynard, Everett W. '14
May, Philip S. '17
McCarragher, Thomas G. '07
Miller, Earle C. '14
Miller, Theodore '09
Milne, Theodore '09
Milne, Thomas '12
Moore, Elmer E. '16
Morse, Harold D. '12
Murdock, Bernard E. '11
Murphy, Benjamin L. '15
Nelson, Jackson C. '16
Nichols, Charles E. '06
Noble, Dexter L. '13
O'Conner, Charles H. '04
O'Conner, William E. '07
Paul, Bruce L. '07
Paul, Mathews H. '06
Pendergast, Joseph L. '16
Phillips, William N. '94
Plunkett, Geoffrey E. '14
Porchi, Evariste '07
Pratt, C. James '04
Roby, Joseph L. '07
Rolfe, Charles O. '15
Sargent, James H. '97
Sowers, Henry W. '14
Starrett, George W. M. '14
Swenson, Paul C. P. '13
Tabbell, Frank H. '13
Taylor, Clarence L. '05
Trask, Levi M. '12
Upham, Roy D. '12
VanDeusen, Karl R. '15
VanValkenburg, Frederick E. '14
Walbourn, Cariquist W. '15
Watson, Herbert F. '08
Weston, Samuel '07
White, Perley W. '09
White, William J. '09
Wittemore, Ralph A '11
Wiley, George P. '06
Wilson Charles W. '83
Wilson, Frederick J. '09
Wittig, Carl L. '04

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Going to The Movies

On August 21, a few boys went to see the moving picture of "Abraham Lincoln" hrough the kindness of Mr. Warren, our Band Instructor. At twelve fifteen the boys who were in the first grade were told to get ready for town. They were ready at one o ' clock. We then went down to the Steamer and went to City Point. At first we were going to see a baseball game at Fenway Park. On account of rain they called the game off. so Mr. Warren took us to the moving pictures at Tremont Temple. The picture was about Abraham Lincoln. It began when he was born and continued till he was assassinated by Booth. The picture was very good.

We returned to the Island at five o'clock very glad and thankful for the opportunity Mr. Warren had given us.

Raymond Thomas

A Steamer Ride

Sunday afternoon, August 23, all the first grade boys were called to the old Elm. We lined up and went down to the Steamer. As the "Pilgrim" went out into the main channel, the "Cedric" of the White Star Line was steaming into the harbor, and the "Northland," had just started on a voyage to Nova Scotia. Our Steamer was very close to these boats, and we had to hold on fast, as great swells came in the channel after these ships had passed. We passed the "Constitution" in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Then we came to numerous drawbridges which were opened to let our Steamer through. We finally reached a lock, and remained in there for a few minutes. Then we proceeded up the Charles River, passing under several bridges. When we came to Cottage Farm Bridge, we could go no farther, as no one was there to open the draw. We turned and came back.

Raymond B. Chamberlain

An Interesting Evening

One Thursday evening we had special moving pictures. There were six reels. A man from Boston came over to run the machine which was a new one and smaller than the one we have.

It is called the Kodascope. We had two comedies. We also saw how some of the most famous players in the big league, bat.

First they would show how the player swung in an actual game, and then they would show the same thing in slow motion. We greatly enjoyed a Tom Mix picture and a picture of a logging scene in Canada. They were very interesting pictures and pleased us very much.

Robert F. Van Meter

Instructors vs. Boys

A short time ago the Instructors and Boys played their annual baseball game. This game is never played like a championship game but is played just for the enjoyment of the game. As is usually the case the Boys won 15 to 8. This is the closest, I think, the Instructors have come to winning from the Boys for a long time. But their younger rivals play everyday and are prepared to play. It was close at the start of the game, each team playing about even. But the Boys started rallies in the middle of the game that put the game safely away. We enjoy playing the Instructors very much. The lineup was as follows:

Instructors	Pos.	School
Mr. Beebe	P.	W. Drake
Mr. Bursiel	C.	R. Thomas
Mr. Day	S. S.	C. Claggett
Mr. Osberg	1st B.	M. Hall
Mr. Tibbetts	2nd B.	J. Libby
Mr. Bemis	3rd B.	W. Long
Mr. Babb	L. F.	G. Libby
Mr. Swasey	C. F.	F. Austin
Mr. Jupilatt	R. F.	H. Crosby

James M. Libby

My Work in the Office

Another boy and I work in the office. He works in the morning, and I in the afternoon, and we each work one hour ot our playtime. We also take turns doing night duty until 9:00 o'clock, when we go to bed. We learn to do banking and bookkeeping, and run the adding machine, etc. We keep the office clean, run errands and do work in the lofts and attic. The work is quite interesting. When we are needed we have bells to call us to the office and apartments.

Ralph H. Martis

A Beach Party

On August eighteenth the first graders were given a party on the Beach near the Wharf. There were about thirty-six boys present and most of the Instructors.

We had four fires, three for the Boys and one for the Instructors. The Boys were divided into three groups with Hughes, Day, and Holman as captains of the groups.

We fried bacon and eggs and roasted corn. We put the bacon and eggs between slices of bread. Baked potatoes were served to those who wished them. We also had punch and two cookies for each boy.

After supper we held races and talked, sang, and had a pleasant evening. We returned to the house about 8.45 P. M. We all are thankful to the Instructors for the pleasant time we had.

Douglas D. Holton

The Observatory

We have seven boys whose regular duty is to go to the Observatory at seven o' clock each evening. Other boys go in the morning and at noon. Each boy has his regular duty to perform there. One boy takes the readings of the barometer, another the temperatures, another the wind direction and velocity and so on with the humidity and sunshine. There also is deputy and a chief. A boy stays on each instrument two months, and then moves up until he is chief. Once a week we have meetings and the Instructor talks to us about other observatories in other places and we compare our records with theirs, or study out of a book. I like the Observatory and find it instructive.

Arthur R. Turner

Putting up a Corral Fence

In the past we have not had a large, serviceable, permanent, corral for our cows and have usually built a small makeshift corral each year. This year instead of repeating this experience, the School ordered 6 or 7 rolls of five-foot corral wire to be used to enclose a large space at the South End of our Island. This was done so that a boy would not need to watch the cows, and yet they might have plenty of room to roam and feed.

We first collected a great many posts, dug holes for every third post which was larger than the others and was used to connect a block and tackle for stretching the wire. After this was done we put in the posts, the smaller ones were put in by making a hole with a crowbar, and driving the post in with a mall, the head of this mall weighing about twenty-five pounds, making it rather strenuous work.

The wire was then unwound a small amount at a time. After being stretched tightly by a clamp, made of two pieces of wood five feet long bolted together and a block and tackle attached to a large post, it was stapled to the post. It took us five days to put up about one mile of fence. This was very interesting although some times hard work.

Howard S. Costello

Kites

Several of the boys have made kites. These kites are all sorts of shapes and sizes. The largest one made is about eight feet tall and six feet wide. One kite had the School colors tied to it. Most of the boys thought that if you were over at City Point, you would be able to see the Blue and Gold colors on the banner, as the kite was much higher in air than the flagpole. The Boys had some very good fun flying kites for a few days.

Harold E. Floyd

Cottage Row Flag Pole

One afternoon, I was told to dig a hole in the ground in front of the triangle on Cottage Row which was in front of City Hall. I was to dig this about four feet deep. After that we put a block and tackle on the flagpole and tree. We pulled the pole up and set it in the hole. We then set three stakes in the ground and tied them. When the pole was straight in all ways we mixed some cement and put it around the base. After it hardens I will take down the ropes, then the task is all complete.

Willis B. Drake

Filling Our Silo

Every morning now when I report to the farm I take a pair of horses and hitch them to the hayrack and go out to the corn piece for a load of corn. This has been cut by hand and put in piles that a person might well lift and put on the rack. After getting a load I drive up to the silo, and unload it. An Instructor and other boys feed it into a cutter and blower, which cuts and blows it into the silo.

This ensilage is fed out to the cattle during the winter and the following summer, before the corn is cut again. A boy with a team brings in two or three loads each morning.

John A. Arkerson

A Stray Cat

One day last week, when the steamer boys went down to the Wharf, they noticed a cat walking around. It looked very hungry, and a little frightened. The color of it is gray with little streaks of black running down its sides. The last few days it has been around the barn catching mice in the hay. I think somebody threw it off a boat near the Island to drown it, but it managed to get on the Wharf. They say a cat has nine lives.

William J. Long

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Through the shining summer days, we have all come to love and listen for the call of our cheerful friend "Bob White." Whether we were weeding in the garden, working in the paint shop, busy in the schoolroom, even above the whir of the sewing-machines, his persistent call reached us, "Bob White," and occasionally a preliminary note which sounded like "Poor Bob White." Many times he seemed very near, but no matter how long I waited and watched for a glimpse of him, I never saw him. He is a tiny friend to have brought so much joy to us all, and it makes me wonder if any persistently cheerful effort of ours can brighten the days and bring as much happiness to other folks. It has been fun to listen and answer his call and we hope that another season will bring him to his island nest again. Edgar Guest has apparently shared our own experiences and, with his happy gift of expressing such joys in verse, has written the following poem, "Bob White:"

"Out near the lane where I go to plow
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
A gay little fellow whose name is Bob White.

Bob White! Bob White! I can hear him call
As I follow the trail to my little ball—
Bob White! Bob White! with a note of cheer
That was just designed for mortal ear.
Then I drift far off from the world of men
And I send an answer right back to him then:
An' we whistle away to each other there,
Glad of the life which is ours to share.

Bob White! Bob White! May you live to be
The head of a numerous family!
May you boldly call your friends out here
With never an enemy's gun to fear.
I'm a better man as I pass along,
For your cheery call and your bit of song.
May your food be plenty and skies be bright
To the end of your days, good friend Bob White."

Calendar

August 1 Team B defeated Team A at baseball this afternoon with a score of 18 to 11.

Eric Schippers, '21, is here for the week end.

August 2 The Boys and Instructors enjoyed a scow ride down the Harbor this afternoon.

August 4 Howard B. Ellis, '98, and one of his workmen are making repairs to the roofs and conductors.

August 5 Began fall ploughing on field beyond Cottage Row.

August 7 Blacksmith is here today.

August 8 Finished digging potatoes at South End.

Team D won from Team B this afternoon with the close score of 10 to 9.

August 10 Started harvesting second crop of alfalfa today.

August 11 Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, came to spend the night.

August 12 Mowed asparagus bed in preparation for renovating.

Battery man here to examine and recharge the batteries at the Power House.

August 13 Set out new strawberry bed today, 1500 plants were reset.

August 15 One sided game in baseball this afternoon but nevertheless interesting, Team C defeated Team B, 5 to 0. Teams A and D also crossed bats this afternoon. Team D won 19 to 16.

Edward Floyd, '25, was here for the afternoon.

August 17 Finished haying second crop today.

August 18 Carpenter here to make repairs to the stairways.

August 19 William B. Cross, '17, first musician, U. S. N., visited the School this afternoon. He is stationed at Charleston, S. C.

Cottage Row flagpole was erected in its new site today.

August 20 Trimmed trees along Cottage Row.

Clock repair man is here for the day.

Merton P. Ellis, '97, visited us this afternoon.

Team C vs Team A, Team C took away the honors 8 to 4.

August 21 Boiler inspector made annual inspection of Power House and Steamer boilers this morning.

Carpenter completed laying new treads and risers on front hall stairs today.

Loaned scow this afternoon for boys' races at "L" Street Baths.

Seventeen boys had the opportunity of seeing the picture "Abraham Lincoln" at Tremont Temple this afternoon.

Manager Walter B. Foster, '78, spent the afternoon at the School.

August 22 The 101st Engineers Band, through the efforts of Bandmaster Frank Warren, came over this afternoon and gave a concert for the Boys.

Hauled bricks to South End to repair Incinerator.

August 23 Thirty-two first grade boys enjoyed a ride up the Charles River today as far as Cottage Farm Bridge.

August 25 Fifth Friends' Day, there were 248 people here for the afternoon

August 26 Hauled gravel from South End to barnyard and drives around the Barn.

August 27 Telephone man is here to repair line.

August 29 Built a new base for corn cutter and set up machine in preparation for cutting silage.

August 31 Herbert A. Souther, '12, spent the afternoon here.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

August 1 Mr. George Beals came

and talked very finely to the Boys.

August 2 A number of the Boys were taken ill today.

August 14 James D. Smith who has served in the U. S. cavalry during the past five years came today from the west, Montana, Texas, " Fort Ellis."

August 16 Doctor Homans here this morning. The boys are all better.

August 17 Visiting Day, present of Managers, Messrs. Storer, Homans, and S. G. DeBlois.

August 20 Went to city with steamer carrying wool to Howland & Luce.

August 30 Col. Theodore Lyman, Vice President of this School, visited us today.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 95° the 10th.

Minimum Temperature 55° the 27st.

Mean Temperature for the month 71°.

Total Precipitation 2.13 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .60 inch on the 5th.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 14 clear days, 4 partly cloudy, 13 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement September 1, 1925

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500.00
Other Investments	761.45
Cash	218.13
	$1479.58

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 452.39
Deposits	1027.19
	$ 1479.58

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK, President — BURTON DORMAN, Cashier

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Uniform Inspection

One Saturday afternoon we had an inspection of uniforms, shirts, shoes, hair, face, hands, ears, and neck. We had two days to prepare for the inspection.

We cleaned our uniforms and had them pressed. At three o'clock we lined up and marched up by the Boys' gardens on the croquet lawn. Mr. Swasey inspected the Boys' appearances. Each fault found counted one mark against a boy. The inspection ended at five o'clock, and the highest number of marks received by a boy, were eight.

William R. Warnock

My Work at the Farmhouse

There is a Farmhouse on our Island where some of the men Instructors stay during the summer. My work over there, each morning, is to make the fire in the kitchen stove, and to make the beds in the five rooms which are occupied.

I clean one room a day. I first take out the rugs, sweep them off, then sweep and wipe up the floor with a damp cloth. I bring in the rugs and place them on the floor. I also dust everything in the room.

About three times a week I wash the lamp chimneys and fill the lamps with kerosene.

Henry A. Schramm

A Band Rehearsal

On Sundays, during the last month, our Band has played in the afternoon for Mr. Swasey and the Instructors.

One Sunday we played some marches and an overture "Paradise of the North." Then we were dismissed for ten minutes. Assembly sounded and we took our seats again. We played another overture, and a snappy march which closed our program.

Otto Kohl

Setting Out Strawberry Plants

The other day another boy and I were told to take some trowels and go

with the Farm Instructor to the Farmhouse. When we arrived we found a sack of strawberry plants waiting for us.

We marked out a line from one end of the bed to the other. Then we made about fifty holes about three inches deep with a span of seven or eight inches apart. We then put a plant in each hole and filled it in. We put in about four rows in all. There were about five hundred plants in each row.

John W. Baxter

Radio

Several of the boys here have radios which they have installed in their cottages. There is also one large set in a little hallway on the top floor of the Main Building between the lofts where some of the boys "listen in."

I have a small crystal set, and I can get the different local stations quite clearly. Sometimes I can get WEEI but the WNAC wave length is much stronger so I get that the clearest. I like to "listen in" very much.

Bradbury A. Rand

My Work in the Kitchen

One week during the month I get up at 4:45 A. M. Four boys work in the kitchen during the morning, and the pantry boy gets up early. These boys change work once every week. First I empty the ashes, and then I get the milk cans and the strainers ready for the milk, which is brought in from the barn. At six o'clock I start making toast for breakfast. At seven o'clock I put coal on the kitchen stove, and then I have my breakfast. After breakfast I work in the pantry helping my Instructor make puddings, cakes, pies, doughnuts, cookies, etc.

Paul E. Adams

Echo

There was a nymph named Echo who always wanted to say the last word. One day she spoke rudely to Juno, and Juno said, "Since you are fond of having the last word, from now on you may repeat only the last words of other people." Echo felt ashamed of herself and hid in the woods.

Day after day Echo would see Narcissus, a young man with golden hair and eyes as blue as the sky. One day Narcissus who became separated from all his friends heard a rustle in the leaves, Narcissus said "Who is here ?" and Echo answered, "Here."

"I am Come," said Narcissus, and Echo repeated, "I am come." When Narcissus saw Echo he was surprised not to see one of his friends and walked away.

After that Echo was never seen again, and she faded away until she became only a voice. This voice mocked the barking of the dogs and repeated peoples' own last words. It always had a weird and mournful sound and seemed to make lonely places more lonely still.

Carle A. Nichols

Gathering Vegetables

Yesterday afternoon, when I went to the farm I was told to go with an Instructor and some other boys to get vegetables. First we pulled a bushel of beets, cut the tops off and put them in a box. We then picked a bushel and one half of shell beans, three bushels of turnips, and six summer squash, these were put in boxes which were put in the wagon and brought to the kitchen.

William H. Van Meter

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Group on Alumni Field Day at the School, June 17, 1908.

HAROLD W. EDWARDS, '10, is employed as Assistant Purchasing Agent for the Lever Bros. Co., manufacturers of soap, at Cambridge, Mass. His home address is 78 Gordon St., Somerville, Mass.

ERNEST V. WYATT, '12, is at present time stationed across the Bay from the Island on the Coast Guard Boat No. 225. He is in command of this cutter, which is doing coast patrol work. Ernest has made us a number of visits to the School.

WILLIAM B. CROSS, '17, was a recent visitor at the School. William is a first class musician stationed at the Naval Base at Charleston, South Carolina. William expects to finish his enlistment period shortly and will enter private business in South Carolina.

G. GEORGE LARSSON, '17, after completing the course in the Sloyd Training School has taken a position as teacher in the Prince School, Boston, Mass. Our best wishes go to George in his new work. His new address is 18 Haviland Street. Suite 9, Boston, Mass.

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View of the Flower Garden

A New Flower Garden

Among the many things which especially interest us is our flower gardens.

Last fall, Kenneth Priest, one of the Boys, started a large flower garden. It is located off Back Road near the Power House. Its area is about one-fourth of an acre.

The purpose of the garden is to supply flowers for all. Also to start plants in the hot bed for the Boys' gardens.

The garden consists of nine beds separated by paths about two feet wide. There is a hot bed near the road, in which to grow plants in the spring. At one entrance is a rose arbor near which two ramblers were started this year. The other entrance is shaded by hawthorne trees that are a mass of bloom in spring. The garden is surrounded by many shrubs.

This year we had many different flowers. I liked the asters best. The following are some of the many kinds of flowers we had in bloom. Gladiolus, stock, dalhias, zinnia, lilies, calendulas, carnations, calliopsis, selosia, clarkia elagans, cosmos, dianthus, hollyhocks, sweet peas, marigold,mignonette, pansies, phlox, drommondia, petunias, salvia and many others.

I have been its gardner since graduation when Priest, who started the garden, left. I work there four hours each afternoon. I greatly enjoy the work.

The garden is now being prepared for winter and nearly all the flowers have gone by.

Charles L. Wheeler

A Corn Roast

Last Labor Day the Supervisor told six boys to choose boys whom they wanted at their table for the supper. Each boy chose about the same number.

We all lined up, were dismissed to get our sweaters and then we followed our leader down to the beach. We marched around to the bulkhead and some were sent for boxes, logs, kindling wood, and paper.

Then we marched around to the front of the refrigerator room and got the punch and food which we carried down to the tables on the beach.

After the fires were lighted and burning briskly we all lined up to get frankforts, pickles, biscuits, mustard, butter, corn, and punch. We roasted the corn and it tasted delicious.

Our desert was in the form of two five pound boxes of marshmallows which we roasted and some lovely stick candy was given out to the Boys. There were three sticks for each boy, and we were all so pleased with it.

The Boys all had a good time and they enjoyed the beach supper very much, and at about half past seven we gave three cheers and a loud "Tiger" for the corn roast. At nine o'clock, a happy day ended by the sounding of taps.

Charles L. Keller

Making a Tackling Dummy

The other day with the help of an Instructor we made a tackling dummy. We have been talking about having one for some time. Our football games at the Island are interesting but lack the proper methods of playing. We are trying to correct this and by making this tackling dummy we can learn to tackle low and hard.

I got two grain sacks and put one inside of the other and filled them with shavings and sawdust and put the whole into a canvas sack. I then attached a strong piece of half inch rope to the top of the bag and tied two pullies about eight feet apart on the top of the apparatus. Then I strung the rope through these pullies and attached a weight on the end and the dummy was suspended in the air. When the tackler let go of the dummy, after the tackle, it would resume its former position. I think we will enjoy it especially as it is our first one.

William M. Hall

Making a Microphone Stand

One day we received a letter from "Big Brother," Bob Emery asking if some wood-worker would make a microphone stand for him. We started one immediately.

We first made the base of two layers of four pieces in a layer, and one layer of six pieces of three-fourths inch mahogany. We then built a layer of eight blocks of the same stock. Then we made a piece to fit in between the base and top. This was made of eight pieces of three-fourth inch mahogany glued lengthwise. When this was trued down it was glued into the base with a short tenon joint. On top of this was built one more layer of six pieces. The stand is ten inches high, eight inches in diameter at the base and six inches at the top. At the thinnest part it is about four inches in diameter. Felt was put on the top and the base. It was made of thirty-eight pieces.

Fredrick Austin

A Day at Brockton Fair

On September 25 three other boys and I were told to get ready to go to Brockton Fair. Two Instructors took us. We left our Wharf about 8:45 A.M. We arrived at the South Station five minutes late for a train, having taken a surface car from City Point. We waited until 9:15 for a train.

After arriving at Brockton we took an electric car to the fair grounds, a distance of about one mile from the station. After we went through the gate we went to the Agricultural Building. The main feature of interest to me here was a large shoe made of vegetables such as beets, carrots, onions, and radishes. After visiting most of the cattle, horses and other farm animals of interest, we went to a tent and had dinner.

After this, we made our way to the grandstand. There, we saw the governor and his procession, also several horse races and sulky races. We saw a chariot race. There were two chariots with four horses abreast, with one man in each chariot. We saw a Highlanders' Band give a perfomance. We also saw a roller skating exhibition. There were several other features. The best of all I think was auto Polo. Several times the cars turned turtle, only to be righted again. There were two men in each car, one to drive and the other to hit the ball and to crank it when it stopped. They changed into fresh cars at the end of a half. We enjoyed it very much.

We started for home about 5:50 P.M. We thank the Instructors and Mr. Swasey for the good time we had.

Douglas D. Holton

Equalizing the Batteries

One Monday afternoon, when I went to the Power House at 1 o'clock the Instructor told me to equalize the batteries which are in the basement of Gardner Hall.

First I put them on charging and let them charge until the specific gravity reading was the same at three half hour readings or about 1205° and then I took them off charging. The next thing to do was to read the specific gravity of each individual cell. When this was done and I had marked down all the readings I took the sheet of paper which is called a battery report and went over to the engine room and made a copy of the report which is turned into the Office before eight o'clock Tuesday mornings. The batteries have to be examined every half hour during the equalizing charge.

At 3:30 I again went to the battery room and took the readings. They were the same as at three o'clock which was 1250° and at four o'clock they were the same as at three o'clock and the equalizing charge was over.

This is done to the batteries every other week to keep them charged properly. The batteries are used each noon for about one hour and at night the lights in the Main Building are kept going from eleven o'clock to four thirty the next morning by these batteries.

Hildreth R. Crosby

Taking Care of the Horses

Every night at five o'clock I have to go to the barn and clean three horses. I clean Jim, Jerry, and Dick; first I curry them and then I brush them all off. After that I feed the horses either oats or hay. Another barn boy and I take turns doing it. After the horses are all fed we sweep the floor. Then we carry the milk up to the kitchen. I like this work very much.

Christopher McFadyen

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In recalling the pleasures of the summer months, we must reckon not the least of these the enjoyment we have found in growing things,—flowers, trees, vegetables. The picture on the first page shows our most recent venture in raising flowers. Those of us who spent hours in plowing, planning, planting, weeding, watering, and caring for gardens can most appreciate the final results. And yet all the world is brightened and made beautiful by the beauty of flowers. The whole atmosphere of a room can be changed by the presence of flowers. And it is more than miraculous to consider the process by which all this growth takes place beneath our eyes and is accepted as part of the commonplace. In reality it is far from commonplace.

Let us trace the growth and struggle which must take place in order that this perfection of form and color may exist for even a short time. First comes the seed, which is collected in the fall and lies dormant through the winter months, holding all the potentialities for growth and beauty. But the seed must be placed in soil suitable for its needs, it must find warmth, moisture, and sunlight, and then it must work for a living. Its life is made up of struggle, work, and play just like yours and mine. And what is the reward? A perfect flower, beauty of form and color,—truly a life of service showing us one of the most beautiful works of God.

As the flower represents the highest development of the plant kingdom, so man stands at the pinnacle of development in the animal kingdom. In our early life we have within us potentialities for growth and development inherited from many generations of ancestors. How do our lives compare with the growth of a flower? Placed in an atmosphere where there is opportunity for

growth, in warmth and sunlight, we must struggle and work and play. There is no development for a lazy person. A lazy flower cannot grow. It withers and dies. And what is our reward? It is most truly found in a life of service. If we can make our lives show forth the beauty of a true work of God, then we shall not have lived in vain. A life of beauty and of service is a goal worth striving for. Let us think of that when we see beauty in any form, either in the life of a flower or in an example of splendid manhood.

Calendar

Sept. 1 Edward Osberg, '24, who has been working at the School during the summer months, left today to return to Wolfeboro, N. H. He is a student at Brewster Academy.

Sept. 2 Started cutting corn into the silo this morning. A new cement walk from the Power House to Gardner Hall is being made.

Winter's supply of flour came today.

Sept. 3 A dredge is off the south end of the Island getting gravel for the new road which is under construction at Savin Hill.

Ernest Wyatt, '13, of the U. S. Navy and who is located at the Coast Guard in the Harbor, visited here briefly this morning.

Sept. 4 New lining is being placed in one section of the kitchen range.

Osmond Bursiel, '20, who has been employed here during vacation, left today and will resume his studies at Lyndon Institute, Lyndonville, Vermont.

Sept 6 Raymond McQuesten, '25, came tonight to visit over the holiday.

Sept. 7 Labor Day, Boys have holiday. Two football games; smaller boys in the morning and older boys in the afternoon. Instructors and Boys enjoyed supper on the beach.

Row-boat, Barnstable, was beached for the winter.

Sept. 8 School orchestra has been reorganized and rehearsals have been resumed.

Boys are finding much pleasure in making and flying kites.

Sept. 10 Cleaned Old Barn thoroughly and hauled away worn out machinery.

Flagpole at playground is being repainted.

Sept. 12 The first scheduled game of football for the season was played today. Team C-37, Team A-0.

Sept. 14 The Launch Winslow was beached and cleaned and repainted today.

Sept. 15 Towed President Adams's boat the "Dolphin" to Lawleys this noontime.

Sept. 16 Rained all day, cold and damp. Finished cutting corn into silo.

Sept. 17 Reset strawberry plants in strips on new bed.

Sept. 18 Finished laying new floor in cow run.

Sept. 19 Close game in football this afternoon Team B lost to Team A 19 to 20.

Sept. 20 Began digging late potatoes.

Sept. 23 Friends' Day. 178 friends were here for the afternoon.

Sept. 25 Finished digging potatoes this afternoon with a total of 600 bushels.

Sept. 26 Harvested 3580 pounds of cabbages.

Football this afternoon between D and C. Team D won 20-14

Sept. 28 Harvested 1400 pounds of squashes and 7250 pounds of pumpkins,

Clarence Hobson, '25, left today after having been here for the week end.

Sept. 29 Swimming float was beached today for the winter.

Sept. 30 Finished fall seeding.

Two crates of new pullets came today.

The construction of a new west end on basement of stockbarn was completed today.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875
As Kept by the Superintendent

Sept. 1 Men working on marsh.

Sept. 2 Much fog in the A. M. The annual regatta of the Boston Yacht Club took place at mid-day.

Sept. 6 Men thrashing and marshing.

Sept. 7 Report day. Number of boys in school, 93.

Took 10 barrels of potatoes to market.

Sept. 10 To city carrying 11 barrels potatoes.

Sept. 11 Took Steamer to Boston Yacht Club Wharf, City Point, to be inspected.

Sept. 12 Doctor Codman came and officiated for us today. He is of the firm of Codman & Shurtleff, Tremont St., Boston.

Sept. 15 Visiting Day for the month. Present of the Managers, Messrs. Emmons, Weld, Bowditch, Homans, and Storer. Collector Simmons came in his boat accompanied by a number of his officers to visit the School. The Band played for him and he made a very pleasant speech, alluding to the time of his stay here many years ago.

Sept. 23 Doctor Homans here.

Sept. 26 The boat "White Wing" capsized off the red buoy. It fortunately did not sink and its occupants, a Mr. Cummingham of Milton, with three children succeeded in getting on the side where all were kept safe until taken off. All were taken in here and kept until dried when they left via Squantum.

Sept. 27 Very windy, went with Steamer to carry three sheep to Portland boat, for which I received $20, I to pay the freight.

Sept. 28 Went to city with 10 barrels of potatoes.

Sept. 30 Carried 10 barrels of potatoes to city and returned with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. DeBlois who visited us for an hour or two.

September Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° the 8th and 10th.

Minimum Temperature 40° the 25th, 26th, and 27th.

Mean Temperature for the month 63°.

Total Precipitation 3.00 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.60 inch on the 4th.

Four days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 7 clear days, 6 partly cloudy, 17 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank
Statement October 1, 1925

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500.00
Other Investments	761.45
Cash	191.66
	$1453.11

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 452.39
Deposits	1000.72
	$ 1453.11

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK, President — BURTON DORMAN, Cashier

WILLIAM R. HOLMAN, Teller

An Exciting Time

Early one evening I went over in the Steamer to the Marine Landing. We met the doctor there, and he took me into our locker at the Landing. While the doctor was lancing an abscess on my arm, a coast guard power boat caught on

fire, while returning from the Landing to the Coast Guard Station. The three men in it jumped into the water and swam for shore. Mr. Swasey, who was in charge of our Steamer was afraid that the gasoline tank in the boat would explode and damage the "Pilgrim." The burning boat was drifting in near the stone wall at the Point. In the meanwhile the doctor rang the fire alarm and the fire apparatus from South Boston came and put the fire out.

John A. Hallewell

Recreation

Practically all of the Boys have from 12 to 1 o'clock and from 6 to 7:15 o'clock in the evening for recreation. On Saturday we have the whole afternoon besides our noon and night hours for recreation. Some boys go to the Band Hall and practice on their instruments, others go to the Sloyd Room, and a few go to the Cottages to read or to "listen in," on the radio. Every Saturday afternoon a scheduled game in either baseball, football, or basketball is played, depending on the season of the year.

Harold E. Floyd

How I Spent Friends' Day

On Friends' Day a friend came to see me who had never visited Thompson's Island. When we met I asked her if she wished to walk around and see my daily work. She was interested and I first took her to the school-room, the reading room, and chapel. After she was told about these, I took her to the Boys' dinning room and showed her where my table was located. I also showed her the Boys' assembly room and pointed out my number and box. We then went across the walk to the printing office and laundry. Later we went to the Power House where she saw the machines and the boiler. We then went to the forging room where she could see the models I made and then we went to the sloyd room, here I showed her my chest which was finished. Then we went to the barn to see the horses and cows, etc. From here we went to the Poultry House. Then went on the other side of the barn and sat down for awhile till the boat came when we said, "Good-by."

Willis B. Drake

Potato Crop

Early in the spring I wrote an article for the Beacon which told the readers about a potato project. Two of us planted a crop of potatoes that in the fall we should be paid a certain percent of the market price minus the running expense and cost of seed.

The crop has been harvested. Out of nearly three and a half acres we produced about 600 bushels of potatoes. After cost of seed and running expenses have been deducted we shall recieve an increase in our bank account. But really money is not the point in the project. The experience we gained in raising and caring for them is far more valuable. We have liked and I believe benefited by this experiment. It has furnished a great deal of interest to both of us.

Howard S. Costello

Gathering Pumkins

One Monday during September we started for the peice of land on which the pumkins are planted. This is over by the Farm House. This year they are putting the pumkins in the Corn Crib, where they will be kept in better condition. In the afternoon we took over four loads to the Corn Crib. Last year there were quite a few that decayed during the winter. These will now last nearly all winter. They are used for pumkin pie for the Instructors and Boys. It was a lot of fun taking them in.

George J. Knott

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GEORGE A. ADAMS, Adv. Course '25, is working in Dennisons' Mfg. Plant in Framingham, Mass. GEORGE is taking cornet lessons and hopes to join an orchestra soon.

WILLIAM F. ANDERSON, Adv. Course '25, enters Brewster in his Junior year. "BILLIE" has spent his summer months on the John Endicott, a steamer on Lake Winnipesaukee.

WARREN J. BURRISS, Adv. Course '25, enters the Junior year of study at Brewster.

CLARENCE P. HOBSON, Adv. Course '25, enters Mechanic Arts High School as a Junior. CLARENCE has been working this summer at pattern making in which he found his shop training at the School a great help.

KARL H. KUPHAL, Adv. Course '25, will enter Hyde Park High School as a Sophomore.

SEYMOUR C. MCFADYEN, Adv. Course '24, is working in West End Hotel, Portland, Me., as bell boy and is attending night school there.

GEORGE D. RUSSELL, Adv. Course '25, enters Colby Academy as a Junior. GEORGE has been working this summer on an estate on the North Shore doing general work about the grounds.

CLARENCE E. STEVENS, Adv. Course '25, enters Marlboro High School, as a Junior. CLARENCE has been working on a farm in Vermont this summer.

IVERS E. WINMILL, Adv. Course '25, enters Mt. Herman. IVERS has spent his summer months profitably at Whalem Park, Fitchburgh, Mass., where he had charge of a refreshment booth.

HOWARD E. KEITH, EDWARD V. OSBERG, and KENNETH E KEARNS, Adv. Course '24, enter their senior year at Brewster.

HOWARD H. STURTEVANT, '24, enters his Sophomore year at Brewster He took a trip South to Virginia during his summer vacation to visit relatives.

CLIFTON E. ALBEE, Adv. Class '23, is taking a Post Graduate course at Brewster Academy, preparatory to entering New Hampshire University. "AL" is the first boy to attend Brewster from F. T. S. and was honored with the University Scholarship prize.

THEODORE MILNE, '14, is employed with the Babcock and Wilcox Boiler Mfg Co. at Bayonne, New Jersey. "TED" finished his course at Mass. Inst. Tech. in June and received a S. B. Degree.

HERBERT A. SOUTHER, '12, made us a visit a short while ago. This is the first time HERBERT has been to the School for a long period. He enjoyed his visit very much and noticed quite a few changes. He has been employed with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and is living at 18 Asticor Road, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Charles Howe, '82, surprised us with a visit this month. He came all the way from San Antonio Texas, for medical treatment in a Boston Hospital. He is engaged as a construction foreman at San Antonio, and will soon return there. His home address is San Antonio, Texas.

WALTER HERMAN, '79, has placed his son Carl at the School, and is a frequent visitor. Father and son can be seen walking about the campus, "talking it over."

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Columbus Day

Monday, October 12th, was Columbus Day. When I got up I washed and had breakfast. Then I went to the Printing Office and worked all morning.

After dinner we chose up for football. We played until two thirty o'clock when the game started with Drake and Thomas as captains. It was good weather for a football game. Drake, Thomas, Costello, and Blackwell played very well. The score was twenty-one to seven in favor of Drake's team.

That evening we had a dance. We put on our uniforms and went to Chapel. The orchestra played most of the time but once in a while an Instructor played the piano while the Boys in the orchestra danced. The danced lasted until about ten thirty. We then went to the drawer room and took off our uniforms, and put on our kahki clothes. We went to bed happy. We thank Mr. Swasey for the privilege of dancing.

Robert F. VanMeter

Hallowe'en

As usual we had a fine party on Hallowe'en. To open the festivities of the evening, we had a ghost walk which was greatly enjoyed.

After this we went to the gymnasium which was decorated to resemble a barn. Hay was hanging from the beams. It was also strewn around on the floor near the walls. Pumpkins were also placed around the room. There was a haunted chamber and different signs to tell you where the various games and contests were being held. The food booth was very pretty and attracted us with many good things to eat. We had apples, pie, pickles, cider, doughnuts, marshmallows, kisses, and peanuts. A short program was given which included a poem by Robert Van Meter entitled, "When The Woodchuck Chuckles," and Mr. Adams recited a poem entitled, "The Creamation of Sam Magee," next a little play, "Why I Never Married," by several boys, half of them were dressed as girls. The next was a one act farce called, "The Rickety Rackety Radio," by six boys dressed as negroes and a mysterious voice over the radio.

We had games such as bobbing for apples, the dart game, digging for marshmallows in a dish of flour with your hands behind your back, eating doughnuts off a string, tossing balls into some cans, and palmistry, these we all enjoyed very much.

The evening's fun closed with a ghost story, told in darkness, then we went to the house and to bed tired but very happy.

Ralph H. Martis

Election

We held a Cottage Row election in the Assembly Hall, October 6th. The boys who were elected or appointed to

the various officers are as follows:

Alonzo G. Day	Mayor
Raymond Thomas	Chairman of Aldermen

Aldermen

Howard S. Costello	Shareholder
Francis E. Floyd	Shareholder
Ross S. Lloyd	Non-Shareholder
Carl A. Carlson	Non-Shareholder
Jack H. Hobson	Assessor
Howitt R. Warren	Treasurer
William R. Warnock	Chief of Police
Fredrick Austin	Lieut. of Police
Willis B. Drake	Sargt. of Police

Patrolmen

William J. Long, Henry E. Gilchrist, Thomas A. Hall, and Arthur R. Blackwell.

Arthur R. Turner	Clerk
Carle A. Nichols	Street Commissioner
Gilbert M. Collins	Librarian
Raymond B. Chamberlain	Janitor

The Mayor chooses his Chief of Police, Clerk, St. Commissioner, Librarian, and Janitor. The Chief of Police chooses his officers and Patrolmen.

William R. Warnock

A Motion Picture Camera

Mr. Swasey has received a camera which takes moving pictures. It was given to The Farm and Trades School by the Alumni Association. It takes one hundred feet of film which is started by pressing a small lever on the side of the camera. This releases a spring. The camera is stopped by taking the pressure from the lever.

This camera was made by the Eastman Co. and it resembles a folding kodak, only it is slightly longer. A short time ago Mr Swasey took some pictures of a football game which will be shown on the screen when they are developed. They will be sent to Rochester for this purpose. The reels that this film fits on, can be used in our moving picture machine, which was presented to the School by Mr Hallowell.

We are very enthusiastic about these gifts as they give us great pleasure.

Fredrick Austin

The Ghost Walk

We celebrated Hallowe'en Friday evening, October 30. The first event we had was the Ghost Walk. We assembled by the Old Elm at eight o'clock P. M. With one of the men Instructors leading we started down back road. When we had gone a little way a ghost jumped out of the bushes and began throwing water at us, also hitting us with cornstalks. When we reached the barn and started down stairs the lights suddenly went out and we couldn't see a thing.

We followed the leader by holding on to each other's shoulder. When we were downstairs all kinds of sounds were made by ghosts and a hose was turned on us. We then went up Rear Avenue to the west basement. When we started through the last door of the basement, we each received a glass of water in the face and a mop over the head. This finished the walk which we all enjoyed very much.

Thomas A. Hall

Repairing a Cart

As I work in the shop, the Instructor told me to make four iron braces for a broken dump cart. First, I went down in the forging room and took a hack saw, with which I cut out the pieces. I then started a fire and heated the iron, so I could bend it into a right angle. I next took it to the machine shop, and drilled four holes in each piece with the big machine drill, and counter sunk them. I then took them and fastened them in place on the cart.

Arthur R. Turner

Old Ironsides

The Constitution was built at Hartt's shipyard, in Boston in 1797. It was designed by Joshua Humphries after some of the fast French frigates. It carried a very heavy battery of twenty-four pounders on the gun deck which was unusually high above the water line, so that the guns could be fired when fighting on rough sea.

She was built of very heavy timber. The copper bolts and sheathing were made by Paul Revere. Her first flag was made by Betsy Ross with fifteen stars and fifteen stripes, which the Constitution carried.

It carried four hundred officers and men. They were all of iron will and courage. The Constitution's weight was 1,500 tons and carried forty-four cannon, firing cannon balls weighing twenty-four to thirty-two pounds each. The capacity of our modern war vessels is three hundred times greater than the Constitution when it was new and fully equipped. In the three years' fighting she was never defeated. She was first commanded by Captain Isaac Hull who was a great sailor as well as a fighter. You may wonder how the Constitution received the name Old Ironsides. In the battle with the British ship Guerriere in 1812 some of the largest cannon balls from the Guerriere hit the sides and fell off into the sea. The men seeing this, cried, "Hussa, her sides are made of iron." From that time on she was called Old Ironsides.

From 1821 to 1858 she was suppressing the slave trade on the African coast. During this time she was rebuilt. From 1861 to 1871 she was used as a naval training ship. In 1878 she made her last cruise carrying the U. S. exhibit to the Paris exhibition. Later she was used as a receiving ship at Portsmouth navy yard. In 1897 she was towed to Boston on her one hundredth anniversary of her launching where she was reconditioned and placed in the Boston Navy Yard to be kept as a relic and an inspiration to the youth of America.

Raymond Thomas

A Snake

One bright sunny afternoon when I had finished with my work in the dining room, I was going down to the basement of Gardner Hall. On the cement was something that looked like a small gray twig. I stooped to pick it up, but before I could, it wiggled away. It was a small snake. This was the first snake I had seen on the Island. I pointed it out to a boy, and he tried to pick it up with two sticks. One of the Instructors told us to kill it, and we did. I hope I never see any more here. This was a great surprise to me.

Arthur H. Sherry

Seeing a Football Game

Through the kindness of Mr. Walter Tibbetts of the Phillips Brooks Association at Harvard, the Boys again had the privilege of attending the football game at Harvard Stadium. All of the first graders went over to see the game between Harvard and Dartmouth, October 24th.

Everyone enjoyed the game and it was very interesting. Harvard at the beginning of the game did very well. It seemed at first Harvard would win the game as they made the first score which was a field goal.

After a while Dartmouth seemed to get stronger and they began to start for their first touchdown. Oberlander of Dartmouth was the star of the game, making some very good runs and throwing forward passes to his speedy ends which resulted in many touchdowns. We enjoyed the game very much and are grateful to Mr. Tibbetts. Henry E. Gilchrist

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October brings the birthday of one of America's most beloved statesmen—Theodore Roosevelt. He lives still in our memories as an example of the highest type of American manhood with his undaunted courage, keen insight and quick sympathies. He is still the ideal of American boyhood and it seems fitting to quote here from an article written by him in "The American Boy."

He says in part: "Of course what we have a right to expect of the American boy is that he shall turn out to be a good American man. He must not be a coward or a weakling, a bully, a shirk, or a prig. He must work hard and play hard. He must be clean-minded and clean-lived, and able to hold his own under all circumstances and against all comers. It is only on these conditions that he will grow into the kind of American man of whom America can be really proud.

"The boy can best become a good man by being a good boy— not a goody-goody boy, but just a plain good boy. I do not mean that he must love only the negative virtues; I mean he must love the positive virtues also. 'Good', in the largest sense, should include whatever is fine, straightforward, clean, brave, and manly. The best boys I know— the best men I know— are good at their studies or their business, fearless and stalwart, hated and feared by all that is wicked and depraved, incapable of submitting to wrong-doing, and equally incapable of being aught but tender to the weak and helpless.

"In short, in life, as in a foot-ball game, the principle to follow is:

Hit the line hard; don't foul and don't shirk, but hit the line hard!"

Calendar

Oct. 1 Cleaned beach and harvested

29 bushels of beets.

Five boys attended the Brockton Fair with Mr. Swasey this afternoon.

Oct. 2 Four boys, accompanied by two Instructors, enjoyed the fair at Brockton this afternoon.

Oct. 3 Raked and burned weeds on ten acre corn peice at South End of the Island.

Oct. 4 Mr. Merton P. Ellis, '98, and Mrs. Ellis were here for the afternoon. Leon G. Andrews, '23, James Brain, '25, and Edward Floyd, Advanced Course,'25, also visited the School this afternoon.

Oct. 5 Twenty-three boys left today on their furloughs which had been postponed from summer because of the Chicken Pox epidemic.

Started whitewashing and painting the west basement, drawer room, and clothing room.

Oct. 7 Worked on roads and hauled several loads of gravel to barnyard.

New herd sire, Meredith Squire, a gift of Manager Wigglesworth. arrived this afternoon.

Nine new boys, Russell Bent, Alfred Bryant, Keith Gray, Kenneth James, Ray and Roy Towne, Ralph Milliken, Ernest Overton, and Kenneth Van Meter, were addmited today.

Oct. 8 Built new calf pen in barn cellar this afternoon.

A new moving picture projector, a gift of Manager Hallowell, was tried out in the gymnasium this evening, with great success.

A very enjoyable dancing party was given in the Assembly Hall this evening by the officials of Cottage Row.

Oct. 9 Built new cover for cesspool in barnyard.

Oct. 10 First frost and snowstorm of season, wind blowing sixty miles per hour.

Dragged roads.

Rollin Holman, Grammar Course '24. left today to enter Bryant Stratton. Bertrand Newell, Ex. '31, left this noon to live with his mother.

Oct. 11 Robert Giese, '23, Edward Floyd and Raymond McQuesten, the latter two of the Advanced Course '25, are here for the week end.

Oct. 12 Columbus Day, half holiday with choose-up football game in afternoon. A dance was held in the Assembly Hall during the evening.

Boys returned from their furloughs today.

Oct. 13 Picked the last of the grapes this afternoon.

Oct. 15 Classes in Agriculture began in-door sessions today.

The Boys' gardens were judged today preparatory to the awarding of prizes.

Oct. 16 Began harrowing six acre piece this side of Bowditch Grove.

Beached, cleaned, and tarred north side float.

Sweaters, mittens, and caps were given out to the Boys today.

Oct. 17 Repairs to the dike just below the Power House were begun today.

Eric Schippers, '22, is here for the week end.

Double-header football game this afternoon, Teams C 31–B 6; Teams A 19–D 12.

Pictures were taken of the game with the new moving picture camera, a gift of the Alumni Association.

Oct. 18 Hauled planks and gathered drift wood.

Oct. 19 Exercises, promoting the restoration of Old Iron Sides, were held in the Assembly Hall this evening after Grade Reading.

Oct. 21 A seaplane took a nose dive off the Island near Oak Knoll. Machine was damaged but no serious injuries

resulted.

Took steamer "Pilgrim" to Lawley's for minor repairs.

Commenced ploughing the ten acre corn piece at South End.

Oct. 22 Team A defeated Team B 34 to 6 this afternoon.

Planted new buoy at City Point.

Oct. 23 Last Friends' Day of the season. There were 225 relatives and friends here for the afternoon. The S. V. R. Crosby baseball cups and shield were awarded, also the Grew Garden prizes.

Oct. 24 Twenty-seven boys attended the Harvard-Dartmouth game this afternoon through the courtesy of Mr. Walter I. Tibbetts.

Oct. 26 The McKenzie Garden prizes were awarded this evening after Grade Reading.

Oct. 27 Secretary Tucker Daland visited the School this afternoon.

Oct. 29 Blacksmith here.

Oct. 30 Last order of grain arrived for the winter.

New furniture was brought over this morning including four large tables and forty chairs for the library in Chapel.

President Adams was here for the afternoon.

Hallowe'en was celebrated with the usual entertainment in the gymnasium which was preceded by a ghost walk.

Oct. 31 Beached launch "Winslow" for the winter.

Double header football game. Team C won from team D 49 to 0; and C also won from B, 39 to 6.

Carl Kuphal and Clarence Hobson, both of the Adv. Course '25, are here for the week end.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

Oct. 1 Dull rainy day.

Went to Readville to attend the annual exhibition of the Norfolk Co .Agricultural Society. I had the pleasure of listening to Col. Lyman's address and of seeing the famous horse " Smuggler. "

Oct. 5 Monthly report. Number of Boys in School 98.

Oct. 7 Went to City this afternoon to carry onions, tomatoes, squash, etc.

Oct. 10 Mr. A. S. Wheeler of our Board was here and officiated all day.

Oct. 11 Carried up eight bbls. onions, four of squash and three of green tomatoes.

Oct. 13 Carried up three bbls. onions to Portland boat to go to Steep Falls, Maine.

Oct. 14 Visiting Day and a very pleasant one too. Messrs. Emmons, Weld, Lyman, Homans, Storer and S. G. DeBlois were present. Mr. Lyman remained and took his cup of coffee after which I carried him to Squantum in the Steamer.

Oct. 16 Went with steamer and scow and got 12 tons of coal from the wharf of Bosworth and Hamlin.

Oct. 19 Went for Mr. and Mrs. S. G. DeBlois, Col. Shepard, Superintendent of Reform School, Westboro, and Mr. Hubbard, one of the Trustees. Took them back in good style in thirty minutes.

Oct. 22 Lovely weather, men harvesting beets, unloading coal, etc.

Oct. 25 Went to East Boston for Mr. Bowditch.

Oct. 27 Carried fourteen bbls. onions to Hill and Tibbetts.

How I Spent My Vacation

My vacation came in October this year, instead of July. I left the Public Landing at 10:00 o'clock and was met by a friend who took me to the South Station. Here I had my lunch and bought my ticket for New Haven, Conn.

I boarded the train at 11:30 and arrived at New Haven at 3:30 P. M.

I played with some boys that I knew, and went to the movies. I also saw a football game and went roller skating. I had a good time for a week and came back to start school again.

Burton Dorman

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Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.00 inch on the 8th.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 11 clear days, 5 partly cloudy, 15 cloudy.

Fall

When we look at the trees and see their leaves turning different colors and falling we know that frost has been in the air. Then the fruit is ready for gathering and we sometimes shiver in the morning. The pumpkins turn yellow and makes us think of Hallowe'en. Other signs of approaching Fall, are seen, also. Flocks of ducks and geese move, and we notice the summer birds have gone south.

When we think about winter it makes us feel sad and happy. We seem to wish the summer back again, yet there is so much fun in the winter, we forget about the swims and ball games and think there is nothing so pleasant as winter sports.

George J. Knott

An Extraordinary Job

Recently we received an extraordinary big job at the Printing Office. It was an order for 1000 pads of store receipts for Thomas F. Coogan of South Boston. Nearly every phase of printing was used in making the job.

After we had set it up, the stock was cut. As two forms were going to be used, we cut the paper the size of two finished receipts. In one of these blocks there is first one sheet printed in black ink and then one printed in red ink. The purpose of this is, that carbon paper is put between the red and black papers, and when you write on the black printed paper, the same thing is written on the red printed paper. So we cut 25,000 double sheets of bond paper for the black receipts, and 25,000 double sheets of manila paper for the red ones. It took two weeks to run the whole job off. While they were being printed some of the boys were collating. That is, they counted up the stock in numbers of one hundred and put one black and then one red piece of paper on another. After this they went on the stitcher, two stitches were put in at the top of each block. They were then trimmed on the paper cutter and cut in twain. Then one of the boys inserted a sheet of carbon paper, the same size as the receipt inside of each pad. When this was done to all of them the job was finished. They were put in boxes and shipped away. It was a great relief when the job was completed.

James M. Libby

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EDWARD L. FLOYD, Adv. Class '25, is employed as bookkeeper for the Sinclair Sales Company. He finds his course he took at the School in bookkeeping, a great help to him. His home address is 73 Perkins Street, Somerville, Mass.

ROBERT L. CARNEY, '24. is attending high School at Noble, Ohio. ROBERT is a junior and recently won prizes that were offered for literary work. He is much interested in the School and writes quite often.

WALDO E. LIBBY, '22, who is attending Keene, New Hampshire, High School, received an injury to his back, while playing on the football team, that will keep him out of the game for the rest of the year. Our best wishes go out to him for a quick recovery. He is at the present time at the Elliot Community Hospital, Keene, N. H.

NICHOLAS M. SUAREZ, '19, who is in the advertising business, writes that he has just accepted a position as District Advertising Supervisor for the Pillsbury Flour Company. He has charge of five branches, namely, Pittsburg, Scranton, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York. It is his hope that he will be advanced later to Eastern District Advertising Manager. "NICK" has asked for addresses of his classmates and they have been sent. He adds that he would like to hear from some of the "old gang". His address is 1414 North 6th. Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HOWARD F. LOCHRIE, '16, has sent us the announcement of his marriage on Wednesday evening, October 28th, to Miss Harriet Foster, daughter of Walter L. Foster of Brookline. HOWARD has been employed since leaving the School with the Walter Lowney Company, Commercial Street, Boston, in their advertising and sales department.

RICHARD W. WESTON, '13, since leaving the School has been engaged in farming. His home is in Amherst, N. H. He is also Road Agent for that town. "CHICK" is married and has two children.

EDRIC BLAKEMORE, '12, is employed as a machinist at Newton Upper Falls and is living at 20 Bowen Street, Newton Center, Mass.

CHAUNCEY PAGE, '00, writes that he would like to hear from members of his class. He is Manager of the Gennell Brothers Music House, Hillsdale, Michigan. Get busy class of 1900!

WILLIAM G. CUMMINGS, '98, we are pleased to announce, has just published his second novel, "Passion and Glory," a tale composed of dramatic episodes in the lives of simple people, primarily the story of simple man's search for love and God. "Passion and Glory," CUMMING'S second book, according to critics develops splendidly all the qualities that made his first novel, "An Island Chronicle," so fine a piece of fiction.

WILL FRANK DAVIS, '79, has moved his business quarters to 6 Alden Court, Boston, Mass. WILL is a member of Baalbec Lodge, A. F. & A. M., East Boston, Mass.

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A School Banner

On November 11th, which was Armistice Day, Mr. Foster, a Manager, a graduate and a very kind friend of the School, presented the First Class with a banner.

This banner is made of silk, half blue and half gold, the School colors, and has the School seal in one corner. The boys of the First Class are very grateful for such a fine gift.

As this was Armistice Day, a short formal service, appropriate for such a day was held in chapel. After a few boys had given recitations Mr. Swasey explained to us the meaning of the School seal. In the center of the seal, which is a symbol of the spirit which has animated our School since its foundation, are three figures grouped together to represent fellowship, equality, and teamwork. These three figures also represent different elements that make up the life of a boy here at The Farm and Trades School. The left hand figure represents the training or discipline, respect for law, obedience and self-control. The central figure signifies training in crafts or trades, ability to co-ordinate hand and mind. The figure in the right hand corner offering fruits of the soil, represents the basis of life everywhere—agriculture. These three figures show the boy as a student of the Book of Life with the emblem, a Greek torch symbolizing Education or the search for Truth. In the background of the seal is the School, our Alma Mater, offering home and shelter to us while preparing us for life.

Mr. Foster then gave us a talk in which he said that he wished not to talk to us but to talk with us. He wished to be a boy with us. He told us about the School as it was when he was a boy here, and how it has changed since that time. He told about the first time the School banner was hoisted to the top of our flag staff, of the cheering and clapping of the Boys. The School colors he wished us to remember as signifying "The hope and prayer of our School Mother that each of her boys will become a man whose character will be true blue, that is, of rigid honesty in principle, fidelity, unyielding loyality and good as gold, that is, of sterling value, genuine, conforming to the highest standard." It was his hope and desire in giving this banner to our Class that we might live up to the meaning these colors symbolize.

This banner is greatly appreciated by all the Boys and we will strive to be true blue and good as gold, or of strong and honest principles and of sterling value.

Program

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION *Alvan T. Fuller*
Henry Gilchrist
SILENT PRAYER
BATTLE HYMN OF REPUBLIC *Julia W. Howe*
School

RECITATION Clifton Chapel *Henry Newbolt*
Laurence Wheeler

RECITATION Breathes There a Man With Soul So Dead *Sir W. Scott*
Horace Taylor

BRASS QUARTET Faith of Our Fathers
Arkerson, Rand, McLenna, Hall

RECITATION Spires of Oxford *W. M. Letts*
Alton Butler

SONG America the Beautiful *J. S. Fearis*
School

REMARKS
Mr. Swasey

PRESENTATION
Mr. Foster

ACCEPTANCE
Raymond Thomas

L'ENVOI *Rudyard Kipling*
Thomas Hall

SONG School Song
School

Henry E. Gilchrist

Our Thanks

In accordance with our custom, each boy at Thanksgiving time writes his particular reason for being thankful. The articles are varied in thought and are selected with the idea of having each class represented:—

FIRST CLASS

At Thanksgiving time there are many things for which I am thankful. When we compare our situation with the boys in the city, who have not the fresh air, some one to show them what is right and what is wrong, also some one to tell them about God. When we think of the fresh air that we breathe each day the helpful lessons we learn every day and the wholesome food that we eat, and many other things, we can readily appreciate these blessings.

When we sit down at the large Thanksgiving dinner this year, with the fruits of the year's hard work before us on the table, we shall give a thankful prayer, to our Heavenly Father that we can enjoy His wonderful gifts that surround us each day.

James M. Libby

I am thankful I have a mother, father, and sister. I also am thankful for good health. I am thankful that I am at The Farm and Trades School, where I can learn everything any man requires to make a living. I am thankful for the many things nature has given us. I am thankful that I know there is a God to whom I may bring all my troubles and He will help me to the right path. I am thankful for my friends.

Charles L. Claggett

SECOND CLASS

I am thankful for my friends and relatives. I am thankful to this School for what it has done and is doing for me. I am thankful for the sunshine and other wonderful works of God, as well as the fellowship of other boys and beautiful surroundings.

I am also grateful for the opportunity of playing in the Band, participation in sports and games. I am not only thankful for this, but appreciate all that is being done for me.

Ross S. Lloyd

I am thankful that our forefathers set aside a day on which we may thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. I am grateful to my friends and parents. I am thankful that I was fortunate enough to come to such a School, as The Farm and Trades School. I am thankful that I have a healthy body, so I can play in sports. I am thankful to my mother who has tried to bring me up well and who has sacrificed things she would like to have, to please me. I am thankful for the Board of Managers and Alumni who help in everyway to give me a pleasant school home in which to live. I

am thankful to the Instructors who help me do right.

George O. Poole

THIRD CLASS

I am thankful for my father, brother and sisters. I am thankful that I own a cottage on Cottage Row and have a chance to play in the sports. I am glad to be in the Band. I am thankful for our Superintendent, Managers, and Instructors. I am grateful for the help they are giving me.

Anton C. Ericsson

About this time every year it comes to the minds of many boys here at this School to look to God for the many things and advantages we have for which we are thankful. I am thankful that He gave the life of His Son that we might live in peace, contentment, and happiness. We cannot explain how thankful we are that God has given us good, kind, loving mothers, fathers, and friends whom we can never repay for what they have gone through for us. We are thankful we have had given to us the Bible which is written of the perfect life He led while here on earth that we might follow His example and be true men of God.

We are thankful for the good education we are receiving while here at this School. We realize that many boys do not have these opportunities. We are grateful to the Managers, Superintendent, and Instructors who are always willing to help and encourage us in time of trouble. I think that the best way we can show our appreciation to all is to be true Farm and Trades School Boys and live up to our School Banner which has just lately been given to us by one of our Managers. The colors on it are Blue which means to be "True Blue" and the other color is Gold, meaning to be as "Good as Gold."

William L. Young

FOURTH CLASS

Most of our thanks are beyond expression yet all of us are thankful we are here at this School.

I am thankful that I have a father, mother, a brother, and three sisters. I am also thankful to our loving God who keeps watch over us and helps us to do right. I am thankful to our Managers, Superintendent, and Instructors for the help they have given me during the past year.

Howitt R. Warren

There are many things for which I am thankful. I am thankful for the fine School in which my mother placed me. I am thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Swasey and the Instructors for what they do for us. I am also thankful to the Board of Managers for the interest they take in us. I am thankful for God and His Son who came to save the world. I am thankful for our minister and what he teaches us about the Word of God. I am thankful for my mother, brothers, and sisters, and all they do for me. I am thankful that I live in a wonderful country. I am also thankful for the sports that we have here and for the Boys with whom we make friends.

William C. Kenning

FIFTH CLASS

I am thankful that I am in such a good School and that my mother put me here to be a member of the School. I am thankful that we have such good Instructors to help us to be fine, strong men.

Earle C. Nichols

I am thankful I have some people to take care of me. I am thankful that I am in a fine School and can receive such a fine education. I am very thankful for all that is being done for me.

Christopher McFadyen

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Cottage Row Government

BY HIS HONOR
ALONZO G. DAY
Mayor

A PROCLAMATION

In accordance with our usual custom, Cottage Row Government sets apart a day for Thanksgiving.

We thus follow the example of our Nation and Commonwealth. On this day, we shall suspend our usual activities that we may more fittingly observe this time in the manner of our forefathers.

Thus there shall be feasting, festivities, and prayer. With grateful hearts we shall give thanks on that day for the blessings we enjoy. We are thankful for our friends, health, and happiness. We are grateful to those who maintain this School. We are thankful for our strong and prosperous nation.

Therefore I, Alonzo G. Day, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, set apart Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November, as a day of

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

to the Almighty for the blessings He bestows upon us.

Given at The Farm and Trades School this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and the one hundred and eleventh year of our School, and the thirty-seventh year of Cottage Row.

ALONZO G. DAY

By his Honor the Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen.

Arthur R. Turner, *Clerk*

God Save the Government of Cottage Row

Calendar

Nov. 1 Screens are being removed today and will be replaced by storm windows.

James H. Graham, '79, and Mrs. Graham were here for the day.

Clarence Hobson and Carl Kuphal, both of '25, returned today, having been here for the week end.

Nov. 3 Cleaned cesspool in barnyard.

Nov. 5 Began painting farm wagons this morning.

Mr. Britton was here this morning to inspect our bees.

A pianola attachment with records, a gift of Manager Karl Adams, arrived today.

Mr. Rogers, President of the American Bible Class, gave the Boys an interesting talk this evening on his trip to Guam.

Beached scow for the winter.

Nov. 6 Cleaned Poultry House and put covering on strawberry bed.

Gymnasium floor is being re-oiled and waxed.

Nov. 7 Hydrant houses were put on today.

Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, Mrs. Malm and son John, visited the School today.

Double header this afternoon, Team D beat Team B, 20 to 3 and Team C defeated Team A, 22 to 12.

Nov. 8 Boys enjoyed the privilege of the chapel as a reading room for the first time tonight.

Nov. 9 Killed hog, dressed to weigh 320 pounds.

Joe Lorraine, Y. M. C. A. entertainer, made his annual visit to the School and entertained the Boys during the evening.

Nov. 10 Finished ploughing headland on South End.

Put sheathing on the "Pilgrim" and painted her.

Nov. 11 Repaired track to door on stock barn.

Armistice Day, half holiday. Appropriate exercises were held in chapel. Manager Foster was present and presented to the Senior Class a School banner, made of the School colors, blue and gold, with the School seal in the corner.

Annual Alumni meeting was held this evening at Young's Hotel. New officers elected are printed at top of Alumni page of the Beacon.

Teams A and D played during the noon hour. The score was a tie 19 to 19.

Nov. 12 Finished ploughing piece by Farm House and began ploughing by Power House.

Nov. 13 John Goodhue, '21, is here for the afternoon.

Nov. 14 Last scheduled football game of the season, Team D won from Team B, 21-12.

Team C, Howard Costello, Captain, won the Crosby shield. Team C won five of the six games it played.

Nov. 16 Cleaned gutter on New Barn and also cleaned the cellar in the New Barn. Began putting on storm windows.

Nov. 17 Put in brace supporter in cellar of Old Barn. Killed hog weighing 310 lbs. when dressed.

Nov. 18 Commenced work on dike at South End.

Nov. 19 Hauled gravel to finish repair on wall in rear of the Power House.

Nov. 20 The fall ploughing was completed today. Cattle inspector was here.

Nov. 21 Fifteen boys attended the Harvard—Yale game, acting as ushers.

External inspection of the boilers at the Power House and in the Steamer "Pilgrim" was made today.

Clarence Stevens, '25, is here for over the week end.

Nov. 24 Completed painting and repairing farm wagons today.

Nov. 24 Oiled harness.

Thirty-five members of the Pierian Sodality Orchestra of Harvard, accompanied by Mr. Walter I. Tibbetts, gave the Boys an unusually fine concert in Chapel this evening. Mr. Stanton, the leader, gave a very interesting account of the orchestra since its organization in 1808.

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day. Two big football games today. The smaller boys representing the University of Illinois and Yale played in the morning. Illinois, won 6 to 0. In the afternoon the Harvard and Yale game resulted in a tie 6 to 6.

Nov. 27 Clifton Albee, '23, came to spend the night.

Nov. 28 Warren Burriss, '25, is visiting the School for the afternoon.

Manager Thomas J. Evans, '64, came this afternoon to spend Sunday.

Nov. 30 Killed hog which dressed 406 pounds.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

Nov. 8 James Frank Frazier died today. While here at the School he was one of our best boys.

Nov. 10 Went to City, the boat leaving me at the Point. It became so rough and stormy from the East that I came home via Squantum thinking it too bad for the Boys to cross. After rowing myself home from Mr. Reed's found that the Boys had gone over to South Boston, the wind being fair, but were unable to return tonight.

Nov. 11 Awfully rough. The Boys came all right this morning having stayed at Church Home last night.

Nov. 12 Carried fourteen bbls. onions to city, the last for this season.

Nov. 15 Went for flour and also brought home 850 bricks for the cistern.

Nov. 16 Mason came to lay cistern in Farm House and a carpenter came to do repair work.

Nov. 17 One of the very worst days I ever knew. It has blown a perfect gale from the N. W. all day without the least let up. The Emma boat sunk at her moorings. The steamer labored hard and the floating wharf is badly injured.

Nov. 22 Cold. Dressed thirty-two turkeys and two hogs.

Put on double windows and threshed rye.

Nov. 23 To city with steamer. Carried up 150 lbs. of turkey to Mr. Bird at Faneuil Hall Market.

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day. Present of graduates, William Follansbee, Joe Kelley, Frank Crehore, Donald Hatch, George Hartman, Augustus Doe, Henry Lobes, Arley Dudley, Joe McCabe, Geo. Clune, and Eugene Roucarty.

Nov. 26 Men here to make cradle for the Steamer. Placed the cradle, but too windy to get boat on.

Nov. 29 Another fearfully windy day and cold.

The funeral services of Vice President Wilson took place today and his remains were interned in Natick, his home.

Nov. 30 Very cold, one degree below zero, with plenty of ice and more making.

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SIXTH CLASS

There are many things for which I am thankful. I am thankful I have a mother and that she does not have to worry over me. I am thankful I am here with my two brothers on Thompson's

Island. I am thankful we have a minister who teaches us to live nearer to God. I am thankful we have teachers so we may get a good education. I am thankful for all the things God does for us. I am thankful for the Instructors who teach us right from wrong.

Kenneth P. Van Meter

I am thankful that we worship a good Lord, and that we have a good minister, who helps us to live closer to Him. I am thankful for my dear mother and grandmother. I am thankful for the Instructors, who teach us right from wrong. I am thankful that we have a day set aside for Thanksgiving.

Karl R. Adams

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 70° the 13th.
Minimum Temperature 14° the 29th.
Mean Temperature for the month 45°.
Total Precipitation 2.13 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .60 inch on the 16th.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 13 clear days, 5 partly cloudy, 12 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement December 1, 1925

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500 00
Other Investments	761.45
Cash	225.36
	$1486.81

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 454.15
Deposits	1032.66
	$ 1486.81

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK, President — RALPH H. MARTIS, Cashier

HENRY A. SCHRAMM, Teller

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day began with a cold and biting west wind, so the prospects were not good for our annual football games; one in the morning between the smaller boys, another in the afternoon between the larger boys.

We worked until 9:00 o'clock and then were dismissed for the rest of the day. The game between the smaller boys began at 9:30 sharp. The two teams, Illinois vs. Yale, played very good football. At the close of the game the score stood Illinois 6—Yale 0.

Then came the thing which to every boy in these states, where we observe Thanksgiving, is the happiest time of the year except Christmas,—his "Thanksgiving Dinner." We had for dinner: turkey, sweet potatoes, gravy, squash, cranberry sauce, celery, bread and butter, mince pie, apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, raisins, and nuts.

After dinner the wind had gone down considerably and the sun was welcomed with its warmth. At two-thirty the ball was kicked off for our annual game between two teams under the assumed names of Harvard and Yale. This game being the big event, cheering squads yelled their loudest, bands played, while pennants and tags with witty remarks on them were displayed. This game proved to be full of life and very exciting. The teams tied the score 6—6.

In the evening we enjoyed moving pictures and some stereoptican slides of the School and its surroundings. This ended a happy day. After taps we all crawled into bed very thankful for the events of the day and with thoughts turned toward Christmas.

We are, I am sure, all very thankful and grateful to those Managers, Instructors, and friends, who made the day and dinner what it was. Howard S. Costello

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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4 MARTIN ROAD, MILTON
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MELROSE,

ELWIN C. BEMIS, '16, Secretary
THOMPSON'S ISLAND
GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT, '14, Historian
WALPOLE

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held on Wednesday evening, November 11th, at Young's Hotel, Boston, with President Davis in charge.

Reports were read. The Alumni Fund report showed that $8173.00 had been contributed to date. Ten new members were added during the year and the attendance at the gatherings were as follows: – Annual dinner 70, semi-annual meeting 14, field day 182, and annual meeting 24.

The following were elected to office for the ensuing year:
President, Merton P. Ellis, '97, Milton, Mass.; Vice-President, Alfred C. Malm, '00, Melrose, Mass.; Secretary, Elwin C. Bemis, '16, Thompson's Island; Treasurer, Augustus N. Doe, '75, Wellesley, Mass.; Historian, Geoffrey E. Plunkett, '14, Walpole, Mass.

We were next favored with remarks by Supt. Swasey of the School. He referred to the composite picture of the Curtis Club on the walls of the meeting room which included former Managers, Melvin O. Adams, Fred P. Field, Charles T. Gallagher, and Richard M. Saltonstall. Recent happenings at the School have been the Armistice Day exercises, at which a Farm and Trades School banner was presented by Walter B. Foster, '79. Four large tables with chairs have been placed in the chapel for the convenience of the boys wishing to read in the evening, the present reading room being too small. A letter was read from Solomon B. Holman, '50, now in his 88th year, regretting his inability to be present. The annual dinner was announced for Wednesday evening, January 13th, 1926, at the Hotel Bellevue, Boston, at 6:30 o'clock. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 o'clock. Those present included: William Alcott, '84, Elwin C. Bemis, '16, George Buchan, '97, Will F. Davis, '79, Augustus N. Doe, '75, Merton P. Ellis, '97, Walter B. Foster, '79, Ralph H. Gilbert, '16, James H. Graham, '79, Clarence P. Hobson, '25, Leroy S. Kenfield, '82, G. George Larsson, '17, David E. Long, '22, Alfred C. Malm, '00, William A. Morse, '76, Samuel L. Whitehead, '23, and Ernest V. Wyatt, '12.

Committees for 1926

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Christmas

Christmas was a happy day for all of us at The Farm and Trades School. The night before Christmas, the Instructors tried to get "Merry Christmas" on us, but did not succeed. When we awoke the next morning, our stockings were filled with good things to eat, such as chocolates, fruit, peanuts, candy, nuts, and apples.

After breakfast we were told by the Supervisor that we would be dismissed from our work at nine o'clock. When the time came, the Band boys dressed in cloaks, marched with the other Boys of the School down to the barn, where the Supervisor stationed certain boys at different places. We did this to wish Dr. Bancroft a "Merry Christmas" as he went by. We all thought he would be our Santa Claus this year, but were mistaken. When the Steamer landed, Dr. Bancroft got off first and Santa Claus followed.

Then all of the Boys helped to pull them in the carriage to the house. At ten o'clock we went to the assembly hall, and waited for our presents to be distributed. Soon Santa took off his mask. Behold! it was Captain Peterson. All the Boys were pleased with their presents. From the School each boy received a gift that was greatly appreciated.

The trees were all lighted with bright colored lights. The big tree was loaded and had all our presents around it. It looked very beautiful to us.

William N. West

The Christmas Concert

Each year a Christmas concert is given by the Boys. It is held in chapel the Sunday before Christmas.

About two or three weeks before, we began rehearsing. A choir of about twenty voices was selected from the Boys. The program consisted of songs by the choir, recitations, and special musical numbers. One thing interested us particularly. It was a vocal solo rendered by Leslie Brown, accompanied by a brass quartet.

Chapel was decorated very prettily this year, which helped us to enjoy our Christmas concert and other festivities. Everyone enjoyed the program as it was a very pleasing one. The program was as follows:—

Program

SONG — *Hail Your King*
Choir

PRAYER
Mr. Quine

RESPONSIVE READING
Albert Cheney

SONG — *The Song of Love*
Choir

RECITATION — *Visit of the Wise Men*
George Hamilton

PLAYLET — *The Christmas Flowers*
Eleven Boys

SOLO — *At Starlight Time*
Waldo Waters

CLARINET QUARTET — *Silent Night*
Arthur Turner, Ralph Swan, Jr., Thomas Hall, Alton Butler

RECITATION — *The Best Tree*

Almon Whitmore
RECITATION *The Modern Miracle*
Waldo Waters
SONG *Let the Bells Ring Out*
Choir
RECITATION *Christmas in France*
Douglas Holton
SOLO *The Holy Child*
John Taylor
EXERCISE *The Message Old*
Horace Taylor, George Taylor, Carl Wijk
SONG *The Story of the Morn*
Choir
RECITATION *The Christmas Snow*
Kenneth James
BRASS QUARTET with VOCAL SOLO
Merry, Merry Christmas Bells
Leslie Brown
Raymond Thomas, Marshall Hall, William Reeve, Bradbury Rand
RECITATION *A Christmas Legend*
William Young
SONG *From Far Away*
Choir
RECITATION *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*
Kenneth Van Meter
DUET *Night of Nights*
Marshall Hall, Carl Carlson
RECITATION *A Russian Legend*
George Poole
SONG *Hail to Thee*
Choir

George O. Poole

Making a Christmas Present

One Saturday afternoon I went down to the sloyd room with several other Boys to make presents for my friends.

Every year it is a custom of all the Boys who have had sloyd or who are taking the course to make presents for their friends at home.

I started a reed tray first. I cut the spokes for the sides and handles. When this was done I soaked them in water for fifteen minutes before I started to weave. When I had them all in the bottom of the tray, I started to bend them over. Taking any spoke first and by skipping the next one, I put it in back of the third one. I kept going around in this order until I had all the spokes turned down and the tray then sat evenly on a table. I then began to weave the reed around these spokes making the sides and handles. I finished my tray that afternoon and shellaced it, leaving it to dry.

I enjoy making presents for my friends because I know they will enjoy them more if they are hand made. It is a very happy boy who sends presents of his own making to his friends and folks at home.

Hildreth R. Crosby

Greeting Doctor Bancroft

Doctor Bancroft has been our School doctor and freind for a number of years. He generally comes each Christmas morning to spend the day with us. We try to give him the best time possible.

This year the Band marched down to the Wharf to meet him, as he came across on the Steamer. Ten boys drew the carriage in which he was to ride. The rest of the Boys were hidden around the Boat House, Back Road, Power House, and Gardner Hall so that when the Band and carriage came along they could jump out and call "Merry Christmas" to him. We enjoyed doing this very much.

William H. Van Meter

Plucking a Duck

One Saturday while I was working in the barn, a boy came in and asked if any boy knew how to pluck the feathers from a duck. I raised my hand and told him that I knew how. The Instructor let me go up to the basement of Gardner Hall, where the duck was.

It was a wild duck that Mr. Swasey had shot a few days before. The duck looked nice and plump with its feathers on, but when they were taken off he looked very small. After the duck was roasted, I had a piece of the wing, which was very tender and good.

Thomas J. Kenney, Jr.

Grade Prizes

Each half year money prizes are given out to the ten boys whose conduct has been the best for that period of time. These prizes are given by Francis Shaw, a former manager and friend of the School.

On Monday, December 14, 1925, the semi-annual grade prizes were given out. The total amount of money is $25.00; first prize being $5.00, down to 10th prize of $1.00. We are always interested to know who wins the grade prizes and as each boy steps up to get his prize, he is given good applause by the other boys. The happy winners are as follows:

Rank	Name	Amount
1st	William Ronald Warnock	$5.00
2nd	Raymond Thomas	3.25
3rd	Jack H. Hobson	3.00
4th	Fredrick Austin	2.75
5th	Ross Summers Lloyd	2.50
6th	George Johnston Knott	2.25
7th	Raymond B. Chamberlain	2.00
8th	Theodore Lee Vitty	1.75
9th	Thomas Augustus Hall	1.50
10th	William Marshall Hall	1.00

There are also the Temple Consolation prizes given by Mr. Hallowell, our treasurer, given to the five boys who just miss getting a grade prize. These prizes used to be given by Thomas Temple, a Manager. When he died, Mr. Hallowell consented to keep giving them. These books are always of interest. The five boys to receive prizes are:

11th Arthur Royal Turner - The American Boys' Handy Book.

12th Francis Elwin Floyd - Friends and Rivals.

13th Howard Salisbury Costello - The Boy Scientest.

14th Alton Bassett Butler - The Book of Athletics.

15th James McCall Libby Basketball.

James M. Libby

The Harvard Orchestra

During grade reading one evening, Mr. Swasey announced that a part of the Harvard Orchestra was coming here the evening of November 24th, to entertain us. All the Boys were happy when they heard this. We all looked forward to this happy time. This was brought about through the kindness of our good friend, Mr. Walter I. Tibbetts.

The Orchestra has an interesting history. It was organized in 1808. Its purpose then was to entertain friends in the surrounding community. Later, it adopted a more serious mission, and decided to play only classical music. In this way it helped to educate the musical taste of the general public. It is known as the Pierian Sodality.

Thirty-five members came. They gave a wonderful program under the direction of their conductor, Mr. Stanton. It was he who told us about its beginning. We greatly appreciated this rare treat.

Herbert E. Gove

Carols

Every year on Christmas Eve, carols are sung outside the windows, this year I was a caroler. We started to practice about a week before Christmas. On Christmas Eve, after the other boys went to bed, the carolers started to sing. We sung our first song up by the Gardens and the next one in the Court, we went to the different corners of the house when we sang the others. Money was thrown to us by Mr. Swasey, our Superintendent, and Instructors. We thanked them for it.

Then we went up to the apartments where we had lunch and saw some moving pictures of the School. We also counted our money and had $12.35. We put $5.00 aside for charity. When the rest of the money was divided among us, we each had 39 cents.

Ralph I. Swan, Jr.

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Is There a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"DEAR EDITOR — I am 8 years old.
"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
"Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'
"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

"Virginia O'Hanlon.
"115 West Ninety-fifth street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith,

fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view, and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

—Courtesy of The New York Sun

Calendar

Dec. 2 Dragged Beach Road, worked on dike and ploughed corn field.

Repaired door to Root Cellar and began whitewashing the basement of New Barn.

Dec. 4 Repaired horse stall.

Assistant Treasurer Alfred C. Malm, '00, was here for the afternoon.

Dec. 5 President Arthur Adams, Managers Leverett Saltonstall, George L. DeBlois and James H. Lowell, were here this afternoon to consider proposed improvements.

John Schippers, '21, and Clarence Hobson, Advanced Course '25, are here for the week end.

Dec. 7 Repaired door to Old Barn.

Dec. 9 Dragged Highland Road to Compost Shed.

Alton Butler, Manager of Trading Company, Assistant Manager Thomas Hall, and Clerk Ross Lloyd, went in town this afternoon to purchase goods for their holiday opening.

Dec. 12 Cleaned beach.

Barton N. Slade, '22, came this afternoon to spend Sunday.

Dec. 14 Completed painting bakery.

The Shaw and Temple prizes were awarded after Grade Reading tonight to those boys excelling in conduct during the past six months.

Dec. 16 Gathered drift wood and built winter covering for the bees.

Dec. 17 Trees and holly arrived today for Christmas decoration.

Dec. 18 George D. Russell, '25, is visiting here briefly during the holiday recess at Colby Academy.

Dec. 19 Hauled seaweed.

Manager Philip S. Sears is here for the afternoon.

Howard Sturtevant, Grammar Course, '24, came over for the afternoon. He is spending the Christmas vacation with his mother in Brookline.

Kenneth Kearns, Advanced Course '24, is here for the week end, having come from Brewster Academy to spend Christmas with his sister in Boston.

Finished the painting of the printing office today.

Dec. 20 Christmas Concert this evening. Unusually fine program by the Boys.

Dec. 21 Cleaned Poultry House.

Managers Charles Wiggins, 2nd, and Mr. John G. Wiggins of Pomfret, Conn., visited the School this afternoon.

Clarence Stevens, Advanced Course'25 spent the afternoon here.

Dec. 22 Sorted potatoes and butchered hog.

Dec. 23 Boys began sending out their presents today which they have made in the sloyd room.

Dec. 24 Harold Buchan, '23, employed by the Vermont Marble Company in Proctor, Vermont, is here for the afternoon.

Everyone busy finishing preparations for Christmas.

This evening the carol singers instilled the spirit of Christmas with their songs as they walked around about the buildings.

Dec. 25 Christmas day. The Boys enjoyed their tree at 10:30 this morning and Santa Claus accompanied by Doctor Bancroft came over early to help make

things "Merry."

In the afternoon there was an entertainment in the assembly hall by Pearsal and Eccles of the White Entertainment Bureau.

Dec. 26 Veterinary was here this afternoon.

Dec. 27 Ivers E. Winmill, '25, and Kenneth A. Priest, '25, Advanced Course, spent the week end here.

Dec. 29 Warren Burriss,'25, Advanced Course, and Robert Giese, '21, were here today.

Dec. 30 Worked on woodpile. Moved everything from the west loft.

Waldo Libby, '22, a junior at Keene High School, Keene, N. H., came to spend the night.

Basketball choose-up tonight. Team A, Raymond Thomas, Captain; Team B, James Libby, Captain; Team C, George Libby,Captain; Team D, Howard Costello, Captain.

Dec. 31 Clifton Albee, Advanced Course, '23, and R. McQuesten, Advanced Course '25, came tonight to spend New Years'.

Dancing party in the assembly hall tonight to welcome in the New Year.

Twenty-six boys accompanied by two Instructors attended a Christmas party at the Metropolitan Theatre this morning. This opportunity was made possible by Miss Robertson, a social worker at the North End Mission.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1875

As Kept by the Superintendent

Dec. 6 Messrs. S. E. Brackett and S. G. DeBlois visited us today.

Dec. 7 Mr. Bibber and man came and assisted me in hauling the Steamer out.

I arose at 3:30 this morn to place her on the cradle by lantern light, and had splendid luck. We got her up without accident.

Dec. 13 Carried 12 pigs to Mr. Reeds', Squantum, for Mr. A. D. Weld. Had very good going over but very hard coming back as the wind blew very rapidly.

Dec. 15 Went to city via Squantum, taking George L. Nichols to Mr. Edward C. Rand who has a place for him with Lawrence Weld & Co., upholsters.

Dec. 28 Was visited by Messrs. Eliot, DeBlois, Homans and Storer of the Committee on School.

The year closes with ninety-nine boys in school at an average of 12 yrs. 10 mos. Twenty-two have been admitted during the year and fourteen have been discharged. Whole number for the year, 113.

The farm has produced well: hay, 95 tons; corn, 70 bu.; rye, 20; barley, 25; oats, 20; beans, 8; potatoes, 700; mangles, 300; table beets, 200; carrots, 150; onions, 175; cabbage, 700 heads; apples, very light crop, 16 bbls; pears, 5 bbls; veal, 583 lbs.; fowl, 361 lbs.; lamb and mutton 409 lbs.; pork, 2200 lbs.

The stock consists of one horse, two oxen, fifteen cows, two heifers, 15 months old, one Jersey bull, 3 years old, one bull, 8 months old, 27 sheep, 75 fowls.

December Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 55° the 8th.

Minimum Temperature 6° the 27th, 29th, and 30th.

Mean Temperature for the month 31 .

Total Precipitation 4.60 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.79 inch on the 3rd.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 20 clear days, 1 partly cloudy, 10 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement January 1, 1926

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500.00
Other Investments	761.45
Cash	242.99
	$1504.44

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 453.65
Deposits	1050.79
	$ 1504.44

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK, President — RALPH H. MARTIS, Cashier

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New Year's Dance

New Year's Eve all the Boys in the first three grades who wished to dance the Old Year out and a New year in were told to get washed, put on their uniforms and wait in the assembly room until everyone was ready.

We then marched to chapel at eight o'clock. The Instructors and Mr. and Mrs. Swasey came in, and the orchestra played for a grand march.

The orchestra consisted of Mr. Kihlstrom, piano; Thomas and Mc Lenna, cornets; Mr. Ayer and Jack Hobson, violins; M. Hall, trombone; C. Albee, baritone; R. McQuesten and Gove, bass; A. Turner, clarinet; Drake, drum.

It was a very good orchestra and we danced until ten o' clock when we had intermission. Mr. Swasey gave each one a box of candy. We then danced till five minutes of twelve. The piano began to play a note that sounded like a bell. It was lowered and went almost away. Then it came back again and gave a loud bang. Everybody called out, "Happy New Year."

We then shook hands with the Instructors and said, "Good Night."

We thank Mr. Swasey very much for giving us the chance to dance. We all enjoyed the dance and hope to have more in the future.

Willis B. Drake

Oiling the Tower Bell

One day the Supervisor asked me if I would like to oil the tower bell. Of course I wanted to, because this would be a new experience for me. He told me to go down to the drawer-room and put on my sneakers. Then he told me to go up to the east-loft and wait for him.

In a little while he came up, bringing a long rope. Then he tied the rope around my waist and let me sit on the window-sill. My brother and the Supervisor held the rope while I slid down the roof until I came to the gutter. Then I moved along the gutter, and climbed up along the roof until I came to the bell. The Supervisor threw me an oil can. Then I started to oil the bell, which was very rusty. Then the bell was tried to see if it rang more clearly, and it did. I like to oil the bell very much.

Leslie W. Brown

Making A Type Book

Recently in the printing office we have been making a type book. We first set up the Recut Caslon type, then the Gothic and so forth. The type was next locked in a chase and put on the small press. It was run off by one of the boys. Next we arranged them in order, and we began making the cover. The cover was of heavy brown stock with two halftones on the front, representing pine cones. The book is very helpful in finding type that puzzles us and we appreciate it very much. We are now planning to make a book of cuts, halftones, and ornaments which will also be very helpful.

Chester P. Lindgren

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J. H. PARTRIDGE, '55, has sent us the following letter on request, of his record as a soldier in the U. S. Army, from '62 to '65.

"I enlisted in the spring of '62 in the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry. At the time I enlisted there were about thirty members who were in barracks on Beach Street, Boston, in what was originally a meat market. We had to use the stalls as bedrooms.

"The 2nd after I enlisted, the Colonel of the regiment came in and made himself known to me by tapping me on the shoulder and asking me my name. He asked me if I had ever done any military service before. I told him I served two years as Corporal in the Home Guard and that I was now sweet 16 years of age.

"He gave me a few orders as to taking the names of those men who had arrived, and ordered some straw for the beds. He gave me a key to close up the barracks at 8 o'clock and ordered me to call the roll at 9 o'clock, and to also give him the report in the morning. There were men old enough to be my Pa but nevertheless I done the job. In the morning I reported to the Colonel whose name was Charles R. Lowell of Boston, a graduate from West Point.

"He read my report and told me to order the men into line. I did so. He then stood up in front of the men and said, 'I, as your Regimental Commander, appoint James H. Partridge as Coporal in the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry.' My record shows that I served only one day as a Private in the Army. When I was discharged July 1865, I was Commanding Sergeant, Quartermaster Sergeant, and Acting Orderly Sergeant.

"I was captured June 16, 1864, and was released February 22nd, 1865, after all that time in a prison pen and eating corn meal and drinking brook water. I was given a month's rest to regain my strength after which I took up my former duties until discharged July 1865.

"When I was discharged I was not quite twenty years old. My Regiment was in twenty one engagements, the last one was at Lee's surrender."

PARTRIDGE'S address is 103 Vernon St. Norwood, Mass.

CHARLES E. COLSON, '80, who will be better remembered as "Pop" Colson, is finishing 30 years' service in the U. S. Navy Band at Charleston, N. C. He has been playing alto and bass violin and has a rating of first musician.

MERTON P. ELLIS,'97, who has been elected president of the Alumni Association, has completed a notable term as secretary of the Association. He has been active in the organization from its beginning, when he was elected a vice president. The next year he was made secretary. That was twenty-three years ago. He has served under every president of the Association, and has acquired a knowledge of the Association and its personnel equalled by no other person. Now he has been elected president, and is certain to fill the office with the same fidelity and efficiency that has marked all his work, both with the Association and in the business world, through-out his career.

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The First Basketball Game of the Season

Friday, January 1, was New Year's day. Teams A and B were scheduled to play the first basketball game of the season of 1926.

At nine o' clock in the morning the Boys were dismissed from their work and were allowed the rest of the day to themselves.

In the afternoon at 2 P. M. the game started. It was a clean, fast game all the way through, although it was rather one-sided. Claggett was the outstanding player for team A. Captain James Libby played well for team B. The lineup was as follows;

Team A.

Position	Player
Left Foward	Raymond Thomas.(Capt.)
Right Foward	Charles Claggett.
Center	Arthur Blackwell.
Left Guard	Clarence McLenna.
Right Guard	Jack Hobson.
Substitute	William Warnock.
Substitute	Ralph Swan.

Team B.

Position	Player
Right Guard	Marshall Hall.
Left Guard	Henry Gilchrist.
Center	George Poole.
Right Forward	James Libby. (Capt.)
Left Foward	Cecil Morse.
Substitute	Herbert Gove.
Substitute	Christopher McFayden.

Score, Team A 41 - Team B 14.

Cecil A. Morse III

The Election

We have just begun a new term by electing new Cottage Row Officers. We held the election in the East Basement on Tuesday night, January fifth. We used the pigeon holes in the big rack for election booths. The Officers for the coming term are as follows:

William Warnock, Mayor
George Poole, Chief of Police
Arthur Turner, Clerk
Gilman Day, Assessor
Albert Cheney, Treasurer
Henry Schramm, Librarian
Theodore Vitty, Janitor
William Reeve, Street Commissioner

PATROLMEN

Charles Claggett, Lieutenant
Howard Costello, Sergeant
James Hughes
Willis Drake
John Arkerson
Hildreth Crosby

ALDERMEN

Jack Hobson, Chairman, S. H.
Francis Floyd, S. H.
Howitt Warren, S. H.
Ralph Swan, N. S. H.
William Long, N. S. H.

Ralph I. Swan Jr., II

Instructors vs. Boys

Tuesday night, January 19th, the Instructors played the Boys in a game of basketball. At seven o'clock the School team changed into their basketball suits. We then went to the gymnasium and practised for about fifteen minutes. Then the game started. At the end of the first quarter the boys were leading by quite a big score. The game was called in the third quarter on account of one of the Instructors wrenching his shoulder. The boys won by a score of 29-3. The lineup is as follows:

Boys

Raymond Fitch	Right Foward
Charles Clagget	Left Foward
Raymond Thomas	Center
Marshall Hall	Right Guard
Willis Drake	Left Guard

Subs

James Libby
James Hughes
John Arkerson
George Libby

Instructors

Mr. Tibbetts	Right Foward
Mr. Walbridge	Left Foward
Mr. Ayer	Center
Mr. Swasey	Right Guard
Mr. Jupillatt	Left Guard

Raymond Thomas I

Skiing

One of the winter sports which the boys like is skiing. When it snows a track is made on one of the hills with a little jump at the bottom. The boys try to keep in the same track as much as possible to make it smooth and hard. A number of the boys have skiis which they enjoy very much.

Thomas A. Hall II

Feeding Calves

Every morning when the Boys go down to the Farm each one is thinking what work will be assigned him to do.

One of the jobs that I like is feeding the little calves. There are four of these in one pen. When we go in to feed them they all crowd around to get their meal. It is fun for the one who feeds them because he has to keep three of them away while he feeds one at a time.

These four calves are very playful and if one goes to the Barn he will generally see them jumping around after each other. Some times they are all lying together asleep. I think calves are very interesting and I like to feed them.

John A. Arkerson II

Feathered Friends

During the summer we see many kinds of birds and insects. When the winter comes most of them go away, but others take their places. They are the pheasants, ducks, and a few quail. The barn swallows can be seen occasionally, but are not as evident. In the fall the ducks begin to come and they huddle upon the shore on the East Side of our Island. They often go on the end of the mud flats to feed on the shell fish and refuse. A few hunters often bagged several. Although some of them were quite small they make a good meal. After winter set in their numbers increased and now there are a great many of them.

The pheasants are funny birds to watch with their quick movements, stately walk and funny noises. They are to be seen in the groves and plowed pieces feeding in flocks of two or three, sometimes as many as twenty or twenty-five. They often fight against each other and seem to be stopped by the approach of another one, perhaps their leader. They are very timid and

hurry away at a run and launch themselves into the air amid a loud squauking if disturbed. They often come near the buildings and afford a queer sight.

There is also a black and white bird that can be seen swimming in the harbor near the shore that is amusing to watch. He dives down to the bottom and feeds and stays down about twenty seconds at each time. He stays on top long enough to get his breath and then goes down again.

William M. Hall II

A New Book

The Lincoln Library

One morning, Mr. Swasey brought into each schoolroom a book which he had purchased entitled, "The Lincoln Library." It is very helpful and contains information about a multitude of things.

It contains pictures of noted authors, inventors, artists, sculptors, etc. It also gives true facts on botany, geology, history, geography, and many other sciences. When one wishes to know about the World War he can open this book to a certain place and get an interesting account of it with illustrations. It has two thousand, one hundred and seventy two pages. We are very thankful for this book as we shall be able to learn many facts from it. It is very well bound with red covers.

William N. West III

Putting on Sheetrock

We are putting sheetrock on the walls and ceiling in the West Loft. It is necessary to handle the sheetrock very carefully because the corners and edges chip easily.

It is a very interesting job, and requires careful work. After the sheetrock is put on, the cracks and nail holes with which it is fastened on are covered with sheetrock cement. This comes in cans with the sheetrock. The sheetrock is cut to the right dimensions by sawing it with an old hand saw. We are making good progress and doing a good job in the West Loft. It will later be used for a dormitory.

Arthur R. Blackwell I

A Grade Party

One night at the seven o'clock line-up, the Supervisor told all the first-graders to stay in the assembly-room while the rest filed to bed. We dressed warmly and got our skates for a skating party. When we arrived at the East Side of the Island, we began to put on our skates. While we were doing that, some of the other boys kindled a bonfire. Then we skated, played games on the ice such as, "Crack-the-Whip," tag, etc. Some of the boys began to pop corn, which they had brought down. They put melted butter and salt on the corn, and it tasted very good to us. We put out the fire and came up to the house. We took care of our skates, then we had doughnuts and cocoa for refreshments. We lined up afterwards and went to bed, happy.

Kenneth James VI

Skating

The Boys have had a fine time skating on the Tennis Court and East Side. Many Boys received skates for Christmas from their dear friends at home. I received a pair of tubular skates for Christmas and I think a great deal of them. I go skating quite often and I like it very much.

The Boys play hockey most of the time. Sometimes we form a line, holding on to each other, and skate as fast as we can. The leader turns, stops, and the boys on the end snap around at a fast rate. The boy on the end releases his hold and goes "whizzing" down to the other end of the court. It is great fun "Snapping the whip."

William R. Reeve III

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"I would know a great deal more if I could forget a lot I should never have learned" is a bit of philosophy handed down to us by our Indian brothers. And how much time we spend trying to forget.

"Al" Smith, governor of New York state, stands as a person who seems to have made the most of his time and opportunities in accumulating worth while knowledge. He was born and grew up on the lower East Side of New York and received no formal schooling after thirteen. To say that he is a student would be misleading for he has done little general reading. But he has devoted his life to studying human nature and human problems. Under the kindly but rigorous schooling of Tom Foley, the Democratic Tammany boss in his neighborhood, he studied politics, and, in a larger sense, statemanship. For Governor Smith believes that the government ought to solve the problems of the people and directly serve them. By his sense of fair play and common sense in dealing with problems, he commands even the respect and attention of his enemies. He studies his problem, insists on facts and figures and carves away useless details. His memory is remarkable. He never has to guess or draw vague conclusions. To an unusual degree, this poor boy with few so-called educational and social advantages, seems to have acquired the faculty of distinguishing between the wheat and the chaff. He does not have to "forget a lot he should never have learned", as the Redskin would say.

Calender

Jan. 1 Skating on East Side. In the evening the boys enjoyed F. T. S. movies taken with the camera presented by the Alumni Association. The film represents different phases of a boy's life here at the School. It is called "Dodger the Story of a Boy and his Dog". Assistant Treasurer

Alfred C. Malm, '00, with son, John, visited the School this morning.

Jan. 2 Clifton E. Albee, Advanced Course '23, George Adams, '25, and Clarence Hobson, '25, are here for a visit over the holiday. Team D won from Team C in basketball this afternoon 19-14.

Good skating on tennis court.

Jan. 5 The third term of school began today, following the Christmas recess. Cottage Row Government elected officers tonight for the ensuing term.

Jan. 7 Five new boys were admitted today: John Belham, Richard LeRoy Bolingbroke, Joseph Diamond, Eugene Raymond Lurchin, Gordon Lewis Whalen.

Jan. 8 Started to build retaining wall in front of site of David Thompson's cabin to keep sea from washing.

Jan. 9 Hard northeast blizzard.

Jan. 10 Dr. Delano here.

Cleaned out hen house and pig pens.

Jan. 11 Frank A. Robbins '21, spent the afternoon at the School.

Jan. 12 Began putting sheetrock on walls of the West Loft today, preparatory to using it as a dormitory.

Team D won from Team B tonight, 20-9.

Jan. 13 Annual Alumni Dinner held at the Hotel Bellevue in Boston. George Libby, '26, Head Proctor, and Raymond Thomas, '26, President of the First Class, represented the School.

Charles L. Wheeler, '26, who has been ill with pneumonia for several weeks, was removed to the City Hospital this afternoon.

Walter Herman, '79, and Robert H. May, '12, visisted us today.

Jan. 14 Dr. Delano here.

First graders had a skating party on East Side tonight.

Jan. 16 Winter sports are holding full sway. Conditions ideal.

Basketball game resulted in Team D defeating Team A, 24-11.

Jan. 17 Alfred W. Jacobs, '10, with Mrs. Jacobs and Stephen, spent the day here.

Jan. 18 Hard rain took off most of the snow.

Dr. Delano here.

Started to reinforce the brick arches in Wood Cellar.

Jan. 19 Killed hog which weighed 331 pounds dressed.

The Instructors played the Boys in basketball this evening, the latter winning 29-3.

Jan. 20 Boys had size up tonight, new numbers were given out and new monitors appointed.

Jan. 21 Hauled gravel on Highland Road today.

Jan. 22 Salted down pork and sorted potatoes at the Root Cellar.

Jan. 23 Stanley W. Higgins,'25,and David Long,'22,are here for the afternoon.

Jan. 25 Two crates containing 52 hens received today.

Jan. 26 First ice of season in harbor this morning.

New sash put in kitchen window. Cottage Row trial this evening.

Jan. 27 Manager Walter B. Foster, '78, was here for the afternoon.

Jan. 28 General Achievement Tests are being given to the Boys of all Classes this week.

Extremely cold tonight, ice forming.

Jan. 29 Continues cold.

Busy today keeping water pipes in barn from freezing.

Put trucks on barn door.

Mr. Williams came to go over the proposed changes in plumbing for the new dormitory.

Donald McKenzie, '25, spent the afternoon at the School.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1876

As Kept by the Superintendent

Jan. 1 The year ushered in by a day so warm and spring like - so out of season that it is almost uncomfortable, and yet delightful.

Jan. 2 Warm, 62 degrees at noon.

Jan. 6 Calm in the morning and until 3:30 P. M. when a gale commenced from the west. Four men were blown ashore from off City Point.

Jan. 8 To city with annual report and to settle with the treasurer.

Jan. 13 Windy. Self and one boy went for Dr. Shaw who is connected with the Overseers of the Poor who came to see what boys were here who would be for aid from the Boylstone Fund.

Jan. 27 Carried thirty pairs of boots over to be tapped.

Jan. 31 A comfortable day. To city with boat and got seats and other fixings for the schoolroom.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement February 1, 1926

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500.00
Other Investments	942.13
Cash	199.53
	$1641.66

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 466.39
Deposits	1175.27
	$ 1641.66

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK, President — RALPH H. MARTIS, Cashier

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January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 54° the 18th

Minimum Temperature 3° the 29tht

Mean Temperature for the month 25.

Total Precipitation .82 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .40 inch on the 10th.

Six days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 8 clear days, 12 partly cloudy, 11 cloudy.

The Forging Class

Each Friday afternoon some of the boys of the First Class have forging. In the Forging Room are seven anvils and four forges. The class consists of eight boys under Mr. Kihlstrom, the Sloyd Instructor.

There is a set of models for us to do before we finish. These models include bending, twisting, welding, etc. During our first lessons, our Instructor showed us about starting the fire of the forge and how to keep it supplied with coke. He also showed us the difference between iron and steel, by their different rings. All the boys of the Forging Class enjoy this work, and are thankful to the Instructor who teaches us. After a boy has finished his course he may make a bridge lamp or something for himself.

Alonzo G. Day I

Cottage Row

During the winter there is less activity on Cottage Row. As it is too cold to use the cottages in the winter they are boarded up in the late fall before the winter sets in. Pennants, pictures, and other articles are taken from the walls and are all packed away where the snow will not harm them. In this way they are left throughout the winter.

As spring comes again, bringing signs of good weather, the cottages are opened up. The little paths are all relaid with clay and ashes. Window-panes are replaced and set, roofs shingled, and the

cottages painted if necessary. Then the pennants, pictures, and curtains are put up and we wait for the first Friends' Day which is so much looked forward to by all the boys. The cottages are used continually throughout the summer.

Christopher McFadyen V

The Knight's Toast

(To a Mother)

The other day for our English lesson, we had to learn a poem entitled "The Knight's Toast". The story tells of a banquet held for the nobles at a certain castle in England. St. Leon, a knight, is the chief character of the poem. After Stanley, the host, had said that each noble was to stand on his feet and give a toast to the lady of his heart, St. Leon arose and said that his toast meant more than any pledged by other guests at the banquet. At this all the other nobles jumped to their feet and handled their swords, with their eyes flashing angrily:

And Stanley said "We crave the name,
Proud knight, of this most proud and peerless dame,
Whose love you count so high."
St. Leon paused as if he would
Not betray her name in careless mood, thus lightly to another
Then bent his noble head as though
To give that word the reverence due
And gently said, "MY MOTHER".

It is thought that Sir Walter Scott wrote this poem. It shows St. Leon's loyalty to his mother. Every Farm and Trades School boy feels more or less the way this knight did. Carl O. G. Wijk IV

The Three Kinds of People

There are three kinds of people in the world,
The wills, the won'ts and the can'ts,
The first accomplish everything,
The second oppose everything,
The third fail in everything.
What kind of a person are you?

Thomas J. Kenney VI

The Milker's Routine

Five o'clock in the morning the watchman awakens me. I get dressed and go down to the barn with the other milkers. After we finish we bring up the milk to the kitchen. Then we get washed for breakfast, and have the rest of the time until breakfast lineup, to read, play marbles, etc.

We take a magazine or a book in the dining room to read after we finish eating. We come out from breakfast at seven o'clock. Some of us go to School and others to different departments. At quarter past eleven, the bell rings and we come from our different departments to get washed for dinner. We line up at half past eleven and file into the dining room. We come out from dinner at twelve o'clock then we have an hour to play, go to the sloyd room or band hall and do many other things, if we are in the right grade. Then the bell rings for us to get ready to go to school or to our different departments.

The boys that went to school in the morning, go to different departments in the afternoon. The bell rings again at five o'clock and we line up (the milkers) and we give a report. Then we get our pails and milk cans and march down to the Barn. We finish our work, about quarter of six. We clean up, and bring up the milk to the Kitchen. Then we get washed and go in to supper. We come out as soon as we have finished eating. Then we have the same privileges that we have at noon. We line up at quarter past seven and most of the boys go to bed. Some boys with good conduct go to various places until nine o' clock, such as schoolroom, loft, readingroom etc. We are all in the domitories at nine o' clock. Saturday and Sunday our routine differs a little. Raymond W. Fitch I

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The 20th Annual Dinner of the Alumni Association was held at the Hotel Bellevue, Wednesday evening, January 13. There were 58 members and guests in attendance. Merton P. Ellis, '97, President, presided, Mr. Arthur Adams, President Board of Managers, gave an interesting account of the financial condition of the School. He paid tribute to Mr. Solomon B. Homan, '50, oldest living graduate who is always present at the gatherings.

Mr. Paul F. Swasey, Superintendent of the School was next called on and told in detail the events of the year. He mentioned the changes that are being made in the Building to create more room for the Instructors. He charged each Alumni member with the duty of keeping in close touch with the School and being a subscriber to the Beacon which is the real connecting link between Association and School. He made special mention of Howard B.Ellis, '98 who conducted our Band for so many years and is always, with his son, a conspicuous figure at our Dinners.

We were very fortunate this year in having as the speaker of the evening a Manager of the School, Mr. Charles Wiggins, 2nd, Head-Master of the Noble and Greenough School, Dedham, Mass. Mr. Wiggins, paid a high tribute to the work of the School and to the principles of education that are in vogue here and have been for the past century. He reminded us of our indebtedness to our Mother School. Through this page the Association wishes to thank Mr. Wiggins for so kindly addressing the members.

The presence of three native sons of the Island had a significant bearing on the gathering. The sons in the person of Mr. William A. Morse '92, Mr. Norman Morse '77, and Charles H. Bradley, Jr. '03 were born on Thompson's Island.

The Senior Class of the School was represented by Raymond Thomas, President of the Senior Class and George Libby, Head Proctor of the School. They carried their Class Banner which is a gift of Manager Walter B. Foster, '78, and which will be handed down to each succeeding class.

Other remarks were made by Mr. Littlefield, former Instructor at the School, who commented on many happy periods spent at the School. Mention should be made of Arthur Fearing's annual joke, which made a hit, but came rather hard on Walter Herman, '79, whom Arthur demonstrated on. Other remarks were made by Mr. Howard Ellis, '98, George Larsson, '17 and Mr. William Alcott, '84. Mr. Alcott complimented the entertainment Committee, which is headed by no other person than our good friend Jimmie Graham, on their splendid form of entertainment.

It was a splendid Dinner and now lets get started on our next big event which comes on The Field Day in June. We want a larger attendance at our gatherings. Every member must cooperate with this in mind.

Names of those present will be printed in next months Beacon.

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King Philip's War

On February 22nd, Washington's Birthday, we celebrated our annual King Philip's War.

This year we had a combination of King Philip's and a Snow Ball Battle. The first quarter of the game the Indians got in their fort and the Settlers in theirs. All the bags were in the Settlers' fort. Two bags were red and counted 25 points apiece. Ten black bags count ten points apiece. All the others counted five and one point depending on whether they were all white or white with black stripes respectively. The object was to get the bags for one side and the other side tries to defend.

When the whistle blew the Indians led by Charles Claggett (King Philip) charged on the Settlers' fort. There was a little fierce struggling at first but the Indians finally broke their way over. It was hard to get a bag at first, but as a number of the larger boys were on the Indians side the bags were taken out rather freely. When the whistle blew to end the quarter it was found that the Indians had all but eight bags. The next quarter the Settlers were the offending side. The Indians had built an enormous fort about 10 or 12 feet high which was hard to get up on. The Settlers made a game try however to scale the breastworks. The quarter ended without the Settlers getting a single bag. All the bags the Indians had, counted for them.

The next half was given over to King Philip's War. This is played on all around the island. The bags were put on the ground halfway between the two forts. When the whistle sounded to begin, both sides ran for the bags. They then hid them in the place they had chosen for there camp. This mad scramble lasted the rest of the game with the fighting about even. The game ended with the Indians the overwelming victors.

The boys in the band got their instruments and led the victorious Indians to the stockroom, where the trohpy was. They then had an "Indian War Dance" for the benefit of the camera men. The victors then marched to the gym where the spoils of war were divided.

The day was a huge success. A great many newspaper men, photographers, moving-picture men and others were here for the day. The game was probably the most exciting King Philip's War for a number of years, in spite of the one sided game.

James M. Libby I

Student Council

The student council has been reorganized and has started its work. There are ten members. Each member is at the head of some department or activity, such as Mayor of Cottage Row and Judges. President of the Bank, Manager of

Trading Company, Chief of the Observatory staff, President of the First Class, Secretary of the Band, President of the Radio Club, and Head Proctor.

The duty of the Student Council is to promote fair play between different Boys, also between Boys and Instructors, and to help Boys do right.

Alton B. Butler I

Fixing the Gymnasium Rings

One morning after breakfast the Supervisor told another boy and me to fix and put up the swinging rings in the Gym. The first thing we did was to put a plank across the beams on which to walk. We then got some pulleys and some ¼ inch rope and started to fix the traveling rings at the north end of the gym.

These were easy to fix as they only needed a rope for hoisting them up. Next came the climbing rope which we had to hitch on to a ring bolt in the roof before we could put up the hoisting ropes and pulleys.

When this was done and the pulleys and rope fixed, we then put up a swinging ring but did not have time to finish putting up the pulleys and hoisting ropes, as the bell rang. We went to the washroom to get cleaned up for our school work. I like to do jobs like this.

Hildreth R. Crosby I

Horse Boy

Two other boys and I get up at five a. m. and go down to the Barn to clean off the horses, feed them and bed them.

After we get that done, we sweep the floor and help feed the cows. When that is finished, we take up the milk cans, and I have to strain the milk. I like the farm work very much.

Carle A. Nichols VI

A Talk on David Livingston

One Sunday evening we had an interesting talk on the great missionary and explorer, David Livingston. We enjoyed it very much. It was given by our minister, Mr. Adams. It was illustrated by stereoptican slides, which showed all about the African jungle and natives. He spent his life in Africa, preaching and teaching. It showed the falls of the Zambesie River which he found and named after Queen Victoria.

He was finally lost but was later found by Henry W. Stanley who was sent out to find him. One picture showed them shaking hands and greeting each other.

During a journey in Africa the death of Livingston happened. The last picture showed the faithful natives carrying his body back to the coast where it was finally taken to England.

George J. Knott I

Repairs

Every morning I go to the carpenter shop, where we make necessary things or repairs old things. Some things we repair are chairs, tools for the farm, wagons and other things. One of the jobs I have been doing is interesting. I have been weaving a cane seat and a back of a chair. I have also been cleaning it.

A few weeks ago a desk was brought down to the shop. We have scraped off the old stain and varnish from it and sandpapered it. We then stained it anew and gave it a couple coats of shellac. When it was all finished it looked like new. At Christmas we had a number of presents to make. Among them were two smoking stands, a lamp, two bowls, a wood basket for a fire place, a pair of book ends and two foot stools.

James E. Hughes II

An Enjoyable Evening

During the evening of an eventful day February 22, the first graders went to Mr. Swasey's apartments "to listen in" over the radio. When all were seated around the radio set, Mr. Swasey tuned in and we heard an orchestra from station WEEI.

Mr. Emery, who is a graduate of the School and had been spending the afternoon here, spoke. We heard him tell of his three days' vacation. The last day of his vacation having the privilege of watching our annual King Philip's War. He told about the battle which he had enjoyed watching.

When the Big Brother Club had signed off, we listened to some more music. A large piece of candy was given to the boys. A little after eight President Coolidge spoke. We went to bed tired but happy after such a pleasant evening.

Henry E. Gilchrist I

Helping the Plumber

One day when I was getting ready to go down to the farm, the Supervisor called me to him and asked me if I would like to help the plumber. Of course I was pleased with this oportunity to learn something new. I reported to the plumber and helped him with his work. He is here to change some plumbing in different places. I have now helped him for two weeks and I like the work very much.

Herbert E. Gove I

Grade Reading

There has been quite a change made in grade reading and it is more interesting for both Boys and Instructors.

First, Mr. Swasey reads the boys' grades and then he explains what certain boys did in the past week, whether good or otherwise. He also announces important events with our school life.

After this we sing several songs out of our new song books. Then the band plays a selection. When the band has finished, the class who has charge of the program gives a short talk or composition, on some good topic. These programs vary. So far we have had programs on Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington. After the program we sing several more songs. The band then plays a closing number. We march out of chapel to the music of the piano and climb the stairs to the dormitory and bed.

Charles L. Claggett I

Reward of King Philip's War

After the King Philip's War was over, it was found the Indians had won by a large score. The Indians formed in line, also the Band Boys and marched around the Building.

At the stockroom door they stopped for some of the boys to get the trophy box. This was a long oblong box and we carried it to the Gymnasium.

The officers of the Settlers were invited to join us. Then Philip who was Charles Claggett gave out the trophy, which consisted of hard candy, oranges, bananas and cookies. We then went down and, some of us divided with the boys on the losing side.

Robert Van Meter I

My Regular Work

Every day after the boys go in the dining room, I stay outside to clean up the washroom. I pick up the soap, brushes, paper, and other articles which have been scattered about, and I put them in their places.

On Saturday and Wednesday nights I get a supply of soap for foot wash and bath. I have been washroom boy for three months.

Chester P. Lindgren III

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There is one word, the importance of which is seldom realized, and that is the word "loyalty." How many of us could be happy without a home or a mother or a principle to be loyal to! Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, when a man fails in life, it is because he no longer finds anything or anyone to which he considers it worth being loyal. He is usually led to this conclusion by having chosen the wrong object to give his loyalty.

For true loyalty we must choose a worthy object or cause. Many of us are never loyal to our "Alma Mater" until we graduate and go out into the world. Then we look back and appreciate what our school has done for us. Some of us never appreciate our families and friends until we are separated from them and then we look back and wish we had been loyal.

For every cause that succeeds, whether it be a baseball game or the establishing of a nation, there are loyalties behind it which "put across" the victory. Nothing ever succeeded without loyalty, the banishment of minor disagreements, the putting aside of petty desires and the uniting of all efforts in making the enterprise a grand and glorious success.

There is a community which seemed destined to become great. It was located on a good harbor, and a railroad was to be put through the town. But some of the families wanted the railroad to go through the west end of the town and the others wanted it to go through the east end. So they squabbled among themselves and each side declared it would refuse to use the railway if it were put through the other side of town. So the railway company decided to put the railroad through a neighboring town, and the latter became a big city, while the squabb-

ling village is still a petty squabbling village. They established a church but the members quarreled and it broke up. A community center was also established, but they couldn't agree and each member found fault with the other. So it also broke up, and they never will accompish anything until they learn the lesson of loyalty.

Loyalty does not mean the ignoring of faults of the person or organization to which we are loyal. It means working with all our might for our "pal", our school, or our country. If we can abolish any fault or defect we will do so. But if we really give our loyalty to a person we will never slander him. We will stand up for him through "thick and thin". We will believe in him and he will not disapoint us.

Let us give this kind of loyalty to our school. It is worth it. One of the boys said, with pride, a few days ago, "This is a real mans school!" So "here goes" for making it the very best school in the country!

Calendar

Feb. 1 Plumber started alterations to bathroom. New bathroom is being put on the second floor.

Feb. 2 Cleaned hen house and hog pen.

Killed registered cow no. 23. Old age.

Feb. 3 Took moving pictures of snow storm this morning.

Strong northwest wind accompanied by snow.

Feb. 4 Heavy blizzard from northeast.

First Graders played games in the gym., followed by a Sugar Party in the Boy's Dining Room in the evening.

Feb. 5 Dr. Delano here to see one of the horses.

Feb. 6 Beautiful day. Cancelled Basketball game so that Boys could enjoy out door sports.

Feb. 9 Basket Ball game A 29–C 27.

Feb. 10 Another big blizzard today. Chose sides for King Philip's War on the 22nd. Ice forming in the Bay.

Feb. 12 Boys busy shovelling out Front Avenue. Drifts over six feet deep.

Feb. 15 Songs and entertainment features added to our regular Grade Reading Program.

Feb. 11 Basket Ball Game A 11–D 36.

Feb. 18 Horses shod. Cleaned Hen house and Hog pens. Hauled coal.

Feb. 20 Salted new pork. Basket ball game C 46–B 26.

Feb. 21 Two boys conducted evening services. Topic "Manners".

Feb. 22 Annual King Philip's War. Indians won by a large score. "Bob" Emery '12, Mrs. Emery, Leslie Jones '06, Moving Picture men and Newspaper Reporters were here for the battle.

Feb. 24 Cottage Row Dance.

Feb. 27 Forrest Haskell who was considered at the Admission Meeting in January was admitted to the school.

A number of blue and gold sweat shirts were given to the boys with the highest grades.

Mr. Sanborn of Ames Agriculture Implement Co., was here looking over the Farm equipment and making a list of new parts needed.

Feb. 28 Evening Service conducted by two boys. Topic "Success".

Feb. 29 Mr. Tropp here to assemble Acmeflex radio set. Gift of Mr. Frank Whall.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1876

As Kept by the Superintendent

Feb. 1 99 Boys in the School to-day.

Feb. 2 Gale throughout the country. Much damage done on land and sea.

Feb. 9 5 bbls. salted pickels to Will Tibbets & Co.

Feb. 10 My 52nd birthday. Gave the boys play all day and a good entertainment in the evening.

Feb. 21 All hands wrought in North End Grove cutting down trees.

Feb. 25 Very cold. Managed to get to the city by way of Squantum taking our small boat across the island to open water and rowing to Mr. Reed's whence we take his car to Neponset thence by car.

Willie went to school and Milton Day to Exeter, N. H.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement March 1, 1926

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500.00
Other Investments	761.45
Cash	297.81
	$1559.26

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 433.20
Deposits	1126.06
	$ 1559.26

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February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 52° the 18th
Minimum Temperature 12° the 29th.
Mean Temperature for the month 27.
Total Precipitation 3.58 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours 1.28 inch on the 4th.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 9 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy.

My Regular Work

In the afternoon, I go to the laundry, where I work until five o'clock. On Monday afternoons we wash night shirts, socks, khaki shirts, towels, napkins, handkerchiefs, and put the sheets, pillow cases, napkins, handkerchiefs, laundry bags, and towels through the mangle and fold them. We then put the things we have in the extractor, later putting them in the dryer. On Tuesdays we fold the night shirts and iron the Instructors' shirts and handkerchiefs. Wednesday we iron the waiters' coats and sew buttons on the night shirts if neccessary and deliver the Instructors' laundry. Thursday we scrub the laundry and wash windows and finish up the work that is left. Sunday morning we collect the Instructors' laundry bags and sort the boys soiled clothing.

Anton Ericsson III

A Basketball Game

On Tuesday, February 16, at 7:30, teams A and C played a game of basketball. At the beginning of the game team A took the lead and held it the rest of the game. At the end of the first half, the score stood 22-16 in favor of team A. Team C came back in the last half and was only 2 points behind team A when the final whistle blew.

This is the closest game, so far this season but we hope to have more like it later. The final score was team A-29 team C-27.

Cecil Morse III

The Guernsey Cow

The most useful domestic animal is the cow. At the School we have one breed of cows which are Guernseys.

An island in the English Channel with an area of only 24 square miles and only about 10,000 acres of productive soil; inhabited by a thrifty race of people of French descent, is noted for its mild climate, its gardens its greenhouses, and its granite quarries, and above all, for its cattle. Such is the seagirt home of the golden Guernsey cow.

Guernsey cattle are fawn colored, marked with white, and are larger than their widely distributed sister breed of Jersey. The School has about twenty cows and two bulls, all of which are Guernsey breed.

Carl A. Carlson III

Putting Initials in my Chest

When I had finished my tool chest in sloyd, I asked the Instructor if I could cut my initials in it. He gave his consent.

First, I found the type of letters I wanted in a paper. These I pasted on a piece of white maple. I then took a fret saw and cut around the letters. This being done, I filed the edges smooth and shaped them. Next, I took a piece of black walnut, and planed one surface, so I could put them on and trace them. Having done this I cut out the place I had traced and glued in the letters. Next, I took a piece of oval shaped paper and traced it, placing it over the initials,which I had planed down even with the black walnut. I cut around the oval with a fret saw. Next, I put the wood on the chest cover and scored around it with a knife. This I cut out with a chisel. Later, I glued the piece of wood into the chest cover. When it was dry I planed the wood even with the panel and then sandpapered the initials and panel.

Arthur R. Turner I

Band Practice

Every Saturday morning the regular band goes out to practice. We play overtures, marches, and hymns. Sometimes we stay out all morning, other times we stay out until nine o'clock. There are two bands. The regular band share their instruments with the boys in the beginners band. I play the snare drum in the regular band. I am second drummer. I like the band very much, and I am glad that I have the privilege to be in it.

Thomas J. Kenney VI

A Coasting Party

February 3rd, the coast guard 225 tied up at our Wharf in the afternoon. Mr. Wyatt, the captain of the boat, who is a graduate of the School decided to drop in and pay us a little visit, while off guard duty. They made the evening trip for us.

After supper, about 7:45 the first graders were allowed to go coasting on Front Avenue. We had lots of fun with a few spills.

Douglas D. Holton III

Cottage Row Dance

Last evening, February 24, the Cottage Row Government gave a dance. At eight o'clock the dance started with a grand march led by the mayor and one of the teachers.

We danced until ten o'clock, when the refreshments were served. These consisted of lemon sherbert and cookies. After the refreshments had been enjoyed, the dance continued until ten thirty. The school orchestra furnished the music.

Raymond Thomas I

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Fearing, Fredrick P. '82
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Giese, Robert J. '21
Gilbert, Ralph H. '16
Graham, James H. '79
Hanson, Richard H. '21
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Holman, Solomon B. '50
Jacobs, Alfred W. '10
Larsson, G. George '17
Libby, George '26
Marshall, Earle C. '10
Morrison, William P. '76
Morse, William A. '76
Morse, Norman F. '85
Moss, Norman '20
Nelson, Jackson C. '16
Peterson, Albert A. '21
Powers, Michael J. '00
Shippers, Eric O. '21
Shippers, John H. ,21
Silver, Lawence '11
Smith, Daniel E. '20
Smith, Willis M. '22
Thomas, Raymond '26
Weston, Richard W. '13
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Wyatt, Ernest V. '13

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33 Pearl St., Dorchester, Mass.
January 11, 1929

Dear Mr. Swasey:

In reply to your request, I wish to say excuse my personality. It seems to me I ought to refer to my entrance to the Boston Farm School.

At the time I was only 8 years old and did not enjoy the privileges of the F. & T. S. of today. We did not have the gymnasium, the sloyd, blacksmith, printing and other privileges they do at present. Instead of this we worked a week at a time on the farm and then a few weeks at school and enjoyed a few simple games, then our time was again to work on the farm. This would seem quite monotonous to the present doings of The Farm and Trades School, but I have laid all the success I have had to this kind of training. I am not wealthy yet, but have enjoyed a degree of success; the foundation of which I think was the training received at the Boston Farm School. Success in about all the transactions I have entered (and they are numbered) I have been enabled to give something over ten thousand dollars away, all owing to my training at the Boston Farm School.

Perhaps this statement might induce the Boys of The Farm and Trades School to be earnest and studious, not that they may do as well, but better than I have.

With these few and wandering thoughts, hoping they may be of use to the Boys of F. T. S.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) S. B. Holman

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Our Easter Concert

On Palm Sunday afternoon, March 28, we had our annual Easter Concert, which I thought was very good. The front of the Chapel was transformed into an arbor underneath which the members of the choir sat, and where the speakers stood. There were potted plants and cultivated flowers, including tulips, jonquils, rambler roses, Easter lilies and hyacinths placed about the room. These flowers helped greatly to make the room look real attractive and spring-like.

The program was as follows:

SONG — Life Eternal
Choir

RESPONSIVE READING
Howitt Warren

INVOCATION
Mr. Swasey

SONG — Day of Days
Choir

RECITATION — Welcome Easter
Almon Whitmore

RECITATION — The Date of Easter
Gordon Whalen

SOLO — Life Over Death is King
Waldo Waters

RECITATION — The Thorn Crowned Christ
Otto Kohl

EXERCISE — When the Bells of Easter Chime
Joseph Diamond, Ralph Milliken, Roger Holton

SONG — Rejoice
Choir

RECITATION — The Glint of Springtide Sunshine
William West

RECITATION — The First Crocus
Kenneth James

BRASS QUARTETTE — There is a Green Hill Far away
Raymond Thomas — George Libby
Otto Kohl — Marshall Hall

RECITATION — Things We Get by Giving
Paul Butts

SONG — Still Was the Night
Choir

RECITATION — Wonderful Joy
George Hamilton

DUET — The Magdalene
John Taylor, Russell Bent

DIALOGUE — An Easter Hike
Thomas Hall — Marshall Hall
George Poole — Francis Floyd

RECITATION — Four Little Seeds
Kenneth Van Meter

SONG — Seek Ye the Garden
Choir

RECITATION — I Find No Fault with Him
Harold Goulding

BRASS QUINTETTE — Easter Reverie
Henry Gilchrist — Clarence McLenna
Bradbury Rand — Marshall Hall
Herbert Gove

RECITATION — The Crowning of Spring
Russell Bent

SOLO — The Holy City
Carl Carlson

SONG — Jesus is Risen
Choir

RECITATION — The Glad New Day
Robert Van Meter

RECITATION — The Garden of Easter
Carl Wijk

SONG — Lo, He is Risen
Choir

Theodore L. Vitty IV

Our Trip to Weymouth

Last Saturday, March 13th, Mr. Swasey told some of the First Class Boys and two boys from the Second Class to change into their uniforms. We knew at once that we were going to Weymouth to visit the Edison Electric Plant. Mr. Swasey had previously told us of the proposed trip.

When we were ready we all went to the steamer. We enjoyed the scenery on the way down very much, but it is more pleasanter in the summer.

When we reached the dock of the Edison Plant, there was a collier unloading coal for the plant. The coal was dumped into a crusher on one side of the road and all the lumps were broken. After it is thoroughly crushed it falls on a moving belt that weighs it. Then it followed this belt under the main road up a very long incline and at last was dumped into the bunkers at the top of the building.

After the man who guided us through the Plant finished explaining the coal process we went into the main building. As we went through the door he gave us a picture of the plant of today and the plant they hope to build.

After this we visited the feed pump room. One of the pumps is the only one of its kind in the world. It pumps against a pressure of 1200 lbs. per sq. inch. Then we went up to the turbines. They have two. Only one was running when we were there. It takes about two hours to warm them up before running. You cannot see any motion. Everything is 100 percent casing.

Then we went into the boiler room. We looked at the fire through a blue glass shield. At the back of the boiler was a big ash pit and we could see the molten material running like lava into the pit. All the boilers (four in all) are automatically stoked. The coal comes down a big shute into a bunker, and their big rames push it into the fire. One of the boilers is specially made. Its shell is $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick and it causes a pressure of 1200 lbs. per sq. inch. The best place we visited was the control room. We all thank Mr. Emery for making it possible for us to visit this plant.

Arthur R. Blackwell I

Working on the Gravel

We have been having good weather and the snow has been melting fast, so our Supervisor started boys on the gravel and some with teams to bring it up from the beach.

After it is brought up from the beach it is sifted through a fine screen to get the sand out.

After that has been done, it is sifted through a coarse screen, it is again sifted to get the small stones all about the same size which are used for the avenue. What does not go through the coarse screen is still put in a coarser screen and is sifted. What is sifted is called large gravel which is used around the building. The process of making and sifting the gravel is interesting. We get large quantities of it. We are thankful to have an Island where we can get gravel without cost.

Otto Kohl III

Our New Dog

One afternoon I went down to the drawer-room to watch some boys put the new lockers in place. I just opened the door when a great dog ran up to me. Mr. Swasey called her back and I found out that she was to be the Boys' dog. She is a German Police dog and her name is "Freida". She likes all the Boys and the Boys like her too. We have two other dogs also. They are "Ace" a fox terrier and "Dodger" a wire haired terrier.

Thomas J. Kenney V

The Class Dance

The class of '26 held their annual Class Dance on March 12, 1926.

The dance opened with a Grand March, each boy taking his partner.

The guests were Mr. Ellis(our former band instructor) and his family, Waldo E. Libby '22, and Mr. and Mrs. Coulter, former instructors, were here. A number of boys and Instructors attended, besides the Senior Class.

The music was furnished by the School orchestra assisted by Mr. Ellis and Waldo Libby. During the intermission we had ice-cream and cake for refreshments.

The programs were blue and gold and could be opened in the shape of a fan. There were blue strings attached and the boys had pencils on the ends of the string and their partners had tassels on the ends of theirs.

The dance was a huge success and we all enjoyed it.

George Libby I

Mr. Swasey's Birthday Party

On Monday evening March 15, all the Boys assembled in chapel to celebrate Mr. Swasey's birthday, which was the day previous. Before we went to chapel, we were requested not to make any unnecessary noise, so that Mr. Swasey would not investigate into the matter.

When we were all there, a small table was set in the middle of the room. The table cloth was strewn with flowers, and in the center was a huge birthday cake ornamented with 30 candles. One of the the Instructors lit the candles when the lights were put out.

Finally, when all was ready, two boys acting as policemen, were sent to arrest Mr. Swasey. He was led in, blind folded and one of the boys acting as judge, asked him if he was guilty or not guilty of having a birthday. To this of course he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to the hard and laborious task of cutting the birthday cake. After the candles had been blown out, varicolored streamers (which had been passed around previously) flew over his head in what seemed like a great dome-shaped entanglement of many colors. After this, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the Instructors and Boys.

After the mass of streamers was cleared up, and the benches put in place, Mr. Swasey had a birthday surprise for us. An entertainer was present and he told us many jokes and played for us on the violin and piano.

We spent a splendid evening, and the entertainment was one of the best we have ever had.

Carl O. G. Wijk IV

A Talk On Wild Flowers

On March twenty-second, the Boys heard a very interesting lecture on Wild Flowers. This was given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby the wife of one of our managers and a good friend of The Farm and Trades School.

The bell rang at three o'clock in the afternoon. We cleaned up and went to the Assembly Hall.

The lecture was given to show us the need of caring for and protecting our native wild flowers. The lecture was accompanied by stereoptican slides showing numerous kinds of wildflowers. The talk was very instructive and worthwhile.

We feel very grateful to Mrs. Crosby for her kindness to us, as well as her interest in us. Through her generosity we receive the Grew Garden prizes each year.

James M. Libby I

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In God We Trust

If I want to be a Happy useful citizen:

I must be brave—This means I must be brave enough and strong enough to control what I think, and what I say and what I do, and I must always be hopeful because hope is power for improvement.

I must act wisely—In school, at home, playing, working, reading or talking. I must learn how to choose the good and how to avoid the bad.

I must make my character strong—My character is what I am, if not in the eyes of my own conscience. Good thoughts in my mind will keep out bad thoughts. When I am busy doing good I shall have no time to do evil. I can build my character by training myself in good habits.

I must make my mind strong — The better I know myself, my fellows and the world about me, the happier and more useful I shall be. I must always welcome useful knowledge in school, at home, everywhere.

I must be truthful and honest — I must know what is true in order to do what is right. I must tell the truth without fear. I must be honest in all my dealings and in all my thoughts. Unless I am honest I cannot have self respect.

(The remainder of this Code will be printed in the next issue.)

Calendar

March 1 "West Loft" opened as a new Dormitory to take the place of North Dormitory.

March 3 Pictures of the Snowball Battle shown at the Metropolitan Theatre in Boston.

March 4 No School. Teachers visiting the schools in Boston.

March 5 Fire Insurance Inspector here.

March 6 Basketball game, C-18, D-20.

March 8 Fire Drills started.

March 12 Ten Boys went to the Auto Show through the kindness of Walter

Norwood '05.

Class Dance. Waldo Libby, '22, here for the night. Howard Ellis, '98 and family here for the Class Dance.

March 13 Twelve Boys went to Weymouth to visit Edgar Station of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co., through the kindness of Bob Emery, '12.

Basketball game, A—21, C—35.

March 15 Birthday party for Mr. Swasey, followed by an entertainment by Mr. Taggard.

Gilman Day sent to City Hospital for observation.

March 18 Twelve Boys went to an exhibition at Wentworth Institute.

March 20 Dr. Taylor examined Boys' teeth in the morning.

Doubleheader Basketball game. A—10, D—24; B—21, C—26.

Eric Schippers here over Sunday.

March 22 Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby gave us a most interesting lecture on Wild N. E. Flowers.

March 24 New lockers arrived and started setting them up in the Drawer Room.

Mrs. James H. Graham's funeral this P. M. Mrs. Graham was loved by all the Boys and has been a fine friend to the School.

March 25 Alfred C. Malm '00 and Merton Ellis '99 were here for the day.

March 26 Band Concert directed by Mr. Warren.

End of Winter Term of the School.

March 27 Last Basketabll game D—20, B—8.

March 28 Easter Concert.

March 29 Making "John Alden" ready for water.

"Frieda" a German Police dog was given to the School by Harold Morse '12.

March 31 Painting Boy's washroom and toilet.

Calendar 50 Years Ago 1876

As Kept by the Superintendent

March 4 Dr. Gould visited Willie who is getting on very well. Has scarlet fever.

March 6 Very mild and spring like. Wind southwest.

March 7 Monthly report day. Boys in school one hundred.

March 13 Went in P. M., for Dr. Gould for Willie who is pretty sick. About four o'clock the wind changed to N.W., and blew very hard. We had a severe time getting the Dr. over. Were nearly an hour crossing. Kept one boy baling water from the boat.

March 14 Cold and windy. No crossing.

March 15 Cold, windy and rough.

Capt. Bibber with two men came to work on our steamboat which is in the Old Barn.

March 17 Snowstorm from the East.

March 21 A very heavy storm from the S. E. Snow and rain with dreadful wind.

March 24 David Moore visited us. We are always glad to welcome him, he is such a nice man.

March 30 Windy and several snow squalls. Sent boat to city for meal and was glad when it returned as it was so squally and bad.

Launched scow.

March 31 Launched the Steamer and put her to her moorings. Cold and windy, and hard working in the water.

Calendar 90 Years Ago 1836

As Kept by the Superintendent

March 2 In the evening the grades for February were read to the boys. Besides other privations, the fourth graders were deprived of the privilege of going near the Barn for the term of one month. All those who gain a place in the first grade

during this month have a promise of having a letter written for them to their friends approving their conduct.

March 10 Boys often change their sports— as coasting and skating fails they resort to jumping the rope and flying the kite.

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 54° on the 25th.

Minimum Temperature 38° the 25th and 22nd.

Mean Temperature for the month 48°.

Total Precipitation 1.65 inches.

Greatest Precipitation in 24 hours .50 inch on the 2nd.

Five days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 15 clear days, 9 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy.

The Farm and Trades School Bank

Statement April 1, 1926

RESOURCES

U. S. Securities	$ 500.00
Other Investments	761.45
Cash	283.06
	$1544.51

LIABILITIES

Surplus	$ 433.20
Deposits	1111.31
	$ 1544.51

WILLIAM R. WARNOCK, President — RALPH H. MARTIS, Cashier

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A Trip to Lawley's

Tuesday March 30th, Mr. Swasey took four first graders to Lawley's with the launch and steamer, also an Instructor and the Steamer crew of three. We arrived at the shipyard about ten thirty. We tied up on some posts. Soon a man came out in a scull to see what we wanted done. We had to get the steamer's rudder rope repaired, also the engine of the launch, which refused to run.

Some men came down and worked on the launch. Later, a man came to fix the rudder rope.

Around one thirty the Instructor brought some sandwiches to us.

Later in the afternoon, the Steamer made a trip to the lumber yards, a short distance up the bay. On the way we saw a large boat being made.

When we returned, the men were still working on the launch. While we were standing around we looked over the many boats in storage. Among them we saw the Constellation, Wanderer, and Seyon. We also saw a submarine chaser.

We started for the Island about four fifteen P. M. We ate our dinner and supper combined, and were hungry enough.

On the whole the trip was very interesting and I hope to go again.

Douglas D. Holton II

The Coming of Spring

Winter has passed and spring is with us again. Perhaps the first real signs of spring are heralded by the robin, the first bird to return to its northern haunts. On April 1st we saw the first robin.

As we walk beneath the trees we can see red and green buds pushing their way out. The crocuses around the building are in bloom also.

Saturday the Supervisor announced that all the boys who wanted to start painting their cottages would be allowed to do so. Many of the cottages are nearly ready for the first Friends' Day.

The grass has begun to appear green once more. These signs are enough to convince most of us that spring is here.

Howitt R. Warren IV

The House by the Side of the Road

Our class has been studying many interesting poems. The one which I like best is "The House By the Side of the Road," by Sam Walter Foss. Mr. Foss was Somerville's beloved poet. He was librarian of the Somerville Public Library for many years, where he spent the greater part of his life, reading books and writing poems.

The poem is as follows:

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the peace of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran,
But let me live by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the race of men go by–
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorner's seat
Or hurl the cynics ban—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles and their tears
Both parts of a infinite plan—
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook–gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
That the road passes on though the long afternoon
And stretches away to the night.
And still I rejoice when the travellers rejoice
And weep with the strangers that moan,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by–
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise foolish—so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

William R. Warnock IV

Launching the Scow

Every fall the John Alden, is taken out of the water and put by the Sachen. In the spring after it is calked and painted it is put in the water. This is done by placing planks from the scow to the water. Rollers are put under her and she is pulled by the boys to the water.

The rollers have to be put in front as fast as they come out the back. When the scow gains enough momentum to roll to the water some boys have to hold it back so that it will not come off the rollers. After it is launched it is anchored by the Wharf.

Clarence H. McLenna II

A man should not be praised for doing right. It is only what the world expects of him. What he should expect of the world is censure for wrong doing.

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Mr. FRANK L. WARREN, Bandmaster of the 101st Engineers Band and Instructor of our School Band, is recruiting a Bugle and Drum Corps, and he would like to get as many F. T. S. Boys as possible to sign up with him. If you are interested get in touch with Mr. Warren at the Cambridge Armory any Sunday morning between 10 and 12 A. M. This is a real live proposition with remuneration and a period at Camp during the summer, which is equivalent to a two weeks vacation.

The time for our Annual Field Day is drawing near. We all had a most happy time last year and there is no reason why we should not do even better, this year. Mark down the date on the calendar, which is the 17th of June, and tell the family to be ready for a joyous day on this beautiful Island.

Have you sent in your contribution for this year? Remember there are no annual dues, and we rely on each member to do his part in financing the Association. Send contributions to the Treasurer, Augustus N. Doe, 111 Devonshire Street, Boston, Mass.

KENNETH E. KEARNS, '24, who is attending Brewster Acadamy in Wolfeboro N. H., visited the school this past month, He stayed one week working on the Farm and in the Paint Shop. Kearns has a fine record at both the School and Brewster.

A New Pump

A short while ago, we received a new pump for the Power House. It is a Worthington Duplex Pump, used for pumping water into the boiler, from both city and return supply.

One morning when I was on duty, my Instructor decided we should set up the pump. It stands on a cement foundation which sets about eighteen inches off the floor and is fastened by four $\frac{3}{8}$ inch bolts embedded in the cement. The old pump which has been discarded was made by the Dean Pump Co. and has different piping, therefore it was necessary to change the piping. This resulted in a very strenuous, but a very interesting and instructive task.

After the pipes had all been "tied in," we packed the rods and valve stems and started the pump. It started off rather slowly and stiffly. This is always the case with a new pump or in fact most any piece of machinery. After it has run for a while this stiffness wears off. It now runs very smoothly and does it's duty very well.

Howard S. Costello II

Views

On our Island we have many pleasing views. On the north we see the big liners going out, and all kinds of other boats. We notice the busy little tug boat which is always coming in or going out of the harbor.

On the east we see Moon Head and Squantum on the south. We see some of the biggest ships in the world. In the distance we can see the Blue Hills and historic Dorchester. We also see many aeroplanes which fly over our Island.

Ralph I. Swan II